Medi-Cal Covers Dental During Pregnancy

Because it is safe and important to see the dentist while pregnant!

Dental Services Covered During Pregnancy

- Exam*
- X-rays
- Teeth cleaning
- Fluoride varnish
- Fillings
- Tooth removal
- Emergency services
- Root canals
- Crowns
- Partial and full dentures
- Denture relines
- Scaling and root planing

*Free or low-cost check-ups every six months for members under the age of 21, every 12 months for members over the age of 21.

Take Care of Tiny Teeth

Healthy gums make way for healthy teeth! Help keep your baby’s gums healthy by gently wiping them with a washcloth every day. Schedule your baby’s first dental visit when their first tooth appears or by their first birthday, whichever comes first.

For more information on covered services, how to keep your baby’s mouth healthy, or to find a dentist near you, visit SmileCalifornia.org.

Text SMILECA to 31996 to receive healthy dental tips from Smile, California!
You probably have a lot of questions, so be sure to talk to your doctor and dentist! Some common questions about oral health and pregnancy are:

Q: Is it safe to see the dentist while I’m pregnant?
A: Yes! It is safe and recommended. Like the rest of your body, your mouth experiences changes during pregnancy. These changes can affect the health of your teeth and gums. Seeing the dentist for a cleaning and exam early in your pregnancy can reduce your risk for cavities and gum disease.

Q: When should I see the dentist?
A: It is safe to see your dentist at any time during your pregnancy. Whenever you see your dentist, be sure they know that you are pregnant and how far along you are. Your dentist should also know if your pregnancy is considered high risk.

Q: What Medi-Cal dental benefits are available to me while I’m pregnant?
A: As a Medi-Cal member, dental services are covered throughout your pregnancy and 60 days past the birth of your baby. During this time, you can receive all covered dental procedures if you meet all criteria and requirements for the procedures.

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