Taking care of your child's dental health will help keep their body healthy, too.

Make sure your child sees a dentist.
DON'T DELAY!

For more information about DC Healthy Smiles or to find a dental provider in your neighborhood, call toll-free: **(866) 758-6807**

DC Medicaid covers healthcare appointments through video and/or audio calls for some services (also called telemedicine). Call your provider for more information.

DC Healthy Smiles Covered Services:
- Regular dental checkups (every 6 months)
- X-rays (when necessary)
- Cleaning and fluoride (every 6 months)
- Dental sealants
- Space maintainers
- Fillings

If medically necessary:
- Braces
- Anesthesia
- Extractions
- Root canal treatment
- Crowns

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Call Your Dental Health Plan Today

Amerigroup: **(800) 600-4441**

AmeriHealth Caritas DC: **(800) 408-7511**

Fee For Service: **(866) 758-6807**

Health Services for Children with
Special Needs Inc.: **(888) 258-8023**

MedStar Family Choice-DC: **(844) 391-6678**

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A Healthy Smile at Every Age

Your child's dental health is just as important as their physical health. Just like you take your child to the doctor for checkups to prevent illnesses, you should also take your child to a dentist to prevent the risk of tooth decay.

Regular dental checkups are a very important step in keeping your child healthy.

If your child is enrolled in DC Medicaid, he or she is eligible to get dental care. Beginning at age 6 months, your child is covered for dental checkups every 6 months.

Find a Dentist in your Neighborhood

If your child is enrolled in DC Medicaid through a health plan, your child has a primary care provider and a primary dental provider. You can choose or change your dentist by calling your health plan. If you do not know who your child's dentist is, call your health plan (listed on the back of this brochure).

To find a dental provider in your neighborhood, you may call toll-free:

(866) 758-6807

Or visit

www.InsureKidsNow.gov

Need a Ride to the Dentist?

If your child is enrolled in DC Medicaid, he or she is eligible to receive free rides to and from the dentist.

Call your health plan's number below to schedule a free ride (with timeframes)!

Amerigroup: **1(888) 828-1081**
(3 days before appointment)

AmeriHealth Caritas DC: **(800) 315-3485**
(2 days before appointment)

Fee for Service: **(866) 796-0601**
(3 days before appointment)

Health Services for Children with Special Needs Inc.: **(866) 991-5433**
(24 hours before appointment)

MedStar Family Choice-DC:
(866) 201-9974
(3 days before appointment)

DENTAL SCHEDULES

Age 6 months and 12 months

Take your baby to the dentist when the first tooth comes in. The dentist will check to make sure your baby has no cavities and will tell you how to take care of your child's mouth as he or she grows.

Age 18 months and 24 months

The dentist will do an oral exam, check for cavities and tell you how to avoid cavities. The dentist will decide how often to clean your child's teeth and will probably apply fluoride.

* During any visit to your primary care provider, your doctor can assess your child's teeth and help connect you to a dentist.

Age 2 years and every 6 months up to 6 years old

The dentist will continue to watch for cavities and will teach your child how to take care of his or her mouth. The dentist may take x-rays when needed and check that your child's teeth are developing normally.

Age 6 years and every 6 months up to 12 years old

The dentist may apply dental sealants to the back permanent teeth. The dentist may take x-rays when needed and will check that your child's teeth fit together correctly. The dentist will then talk to your child about good oral health.

Age 12 years and every 6 months after that

The dentist may apply dental sealants. The dentist will check that the teeth fit together correctly, and if necessary, take x-rays. The dentist will also examine the wisdom teeth to make sure they are not crowding the other teeth. The dentist will also teach your child about good dental care.

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