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ADULT LIMITED DENTAL BENEFIT MEMBER GUIDE

Effective July 1, 2021

OHCA is pleased to announce a new adult limited dental benefit. The new benefit takes effect July 1, 2021 and applies to adult populations, or those twenty-one (21) years of age and older, in both traditional Medicaid and expansion Medicaid. Some services require your provider to ask OHCA for prior authorization before the service can be provided.

Covered Benefits

| Treatments | Meaning | Prior Authorization Required | Other Limitations |
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| Comprehensive oral evaluation | A thorough examination of your jaw, bite, teeth, and other parts of your mouth and throat. | No | You have not been seen by any dentist for more than thirty-six (36) months. |
| Periodic oral evaluation | An examination of your oral health performed each time you visit a dentist. | No | Limited to one (1) every six (6) months. |
| Limited oral evaluations | An evaluation limited to a specific oral health condition or problem. | No | Limited to two (2) visits for the same dentist when evaluated prior to a comprehensive or periodic evaluation. |
| Images | X-rays and other imaging to reveal small hidden areas of tooth decay, bone infections, gum disease, and other infections or abnormal conditions. | No | Panoramic images as medically necessary, limited to once per three (3) years. Limited to one (1) set of bitewing images every twelve (12) months. |
| Dental cleanings | A routine preventive teeth cleaning, including fluoride, applied directly to the surface of your teeth to help prevent cavities | No | Limited to once every one hundred eighty-four (184) days. |
| Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling | A brief conversation with a dental professional about smoking tobacco use, how to stop smoking and using tobacco, and related topics. | No | Limited to eight (8) sessions per year per individual with documented tobacco use. |

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| Medically necessary extractions | Medically necessary removal of a tooth. | No | <p>Medically necessary extractions, as defined in Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 317:30-5-695.</p> <p>Tooth extraction must have medical need documented</p> |
| Medical and surgical services | Any surgery on or around your mouth and jaw, usually by a specially trained dentist. | No | <p>Medical and surgical services are performed by a dentist or physician to the extent such services may be performed under State law when those services would be covered if performed by a physician.</p> |
| Full and partial dentures | A removable full or partial denture used to replace missing teeth in the mouth. | Yes | <p>Limited to one (1) every five (5) years for adults under age twenty-five (25) and one (1) every seven (7) years for adults twenty-five (25) years old and older.</p> <p>Partial dentures are limited to the replacement of missing permanent teeth in the front of the mouth, or two (2) or more missing teeth in the back of the mouth when the teeth are all missing either from the top or bottom of the mouth.</p> <p>Partial dentures are allowed in the absence of overt dental disease for a minimum of twelve (12) months.</p> |

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| Periodontal scaling and root planing | Non-surgical treatment of gum disease involving the removal of plaque and tartar stuck on teeth above and below the gumline when the plaque and tartar have caused bone loss. | Yes | Covered as medically necessary for the treatment of gum disease. |
| Scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation | Non-surgical treatment for gum disease involving the removal of plaque and tartar stuck on teeth above and below the gumline when the gums are swollen and inflamed but the plaque and tartar have not caused bone loss. | Yes | Once (1) per lifetime. |
| Dental restorations | Treatment, including fillings, to restore the function and integrity of a missing portion of a tooth. | No | One (1) permanent restorative service to be provided per tooth per twenty-four (24) months. Additional restorations may be authorized upon approval of OHCA in cases of trauma. |

Copays

Each adult dental visit requires a four dollar (\$4) copay until you reach your cost sharing maximum for the month. Certain populations are exempt from copays. Emergency dental services do not have copays.

Populations that do not have copays

- Native Americans/Alaskan Native members
- Pregnant women
- Institutionalized individuals
- Individuals receiving hospice
- Individuals receiving Medicaid services due to being eligible for the Breast and Cervical Cancer (BCC) Program