

# Medicaid (KanCare) Adult Dental Benefits Frequently Asked Questions for Consumers



## **Who is eligible for the adult dental benefit?**

All people over age 21 who are covered by Medicaid have access to new dental benefits. This includes people with disabilities, older adults, and pregnant people.

## **When did adult dental benefits go into effect?**

- Coverage for fillings, crowns, and gum disease care for people over age 21 went into effect on July 1, 2022.
- Coverage for dentures went into effect on July 1, 2023.
- Coverage for dental exams, x-rays, and cleanings for all adults without an annual limit went into effect July 1, 2024.

## **What services are covered for people 18-20?**

The services covered for children remain the same for young people up to age 21, and then the adult benefits kick in.

## **Does the new Kansas adult Medicaid dental coverage extend to pregnant persons? Are they able to get the same benefits: dentures, restorative, and cleanings under this new plan? Or are there tiers where some are eligible while others are not?**

The new adult dental benefits are available to pregnant people who are over age 21. All of the services are available to all people over age 21 who have Medicaid coverage.

## **Does my choice in managed care organization (insurance company) determine what dental services I can receive?**

No. As of the summer of 2024, Medicaid covers dental exams, x-rays, cleanings, fillings, crowns, gum disease treatment, and dentures without the previous \$500 limit.

## **Are dentures covered?**

Yes! Dentures, partials, and adjustments are covered. Dentures can be replaced every five years, and people who had dentures before being covered by Medicaid can have them replaced if the dentures are at least five years old.

## **Is there a maximum dollar amount for the adult dental benefits?**

There is no annual maximum dollar amount for dental exams, x-rays, cleanings, fillings, crowns, and gum disease care. There is a limit on the number of times adults can get dentures. See the answer above.

## **Is transportation available for dental appointments?**

Medicaid covers “non-emergency medical transportation” for appointments for Medicaid-covered services, including fillings, crowns, periodontal care, and dentures. Contact your managed care organization (insurance company) for help finding a transportation provider for scheduled dental appointments.

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