

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



Who is eligible for the new adult dental benefit?

All people over age 21 who are eligible for Medicaid have access to new dental benefits. Adults who are eligible for Medicaid include 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. New coverage for dentures went into effect on July 1, 2023.

What services are covered for people 18-20?

The services covered under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment ([EPSDT](#)) are in effect for people up to age 21, and then the adult benefits kick in.

Medicaid covers fillings, crowns, and gum disease care, but what about cleanings and exams?

The Medicaid program covers fillings, crowns, and gum disease care, and the managed care organizations (Aetna, Sunflower, and United) cover up to \$500 annually for cleanings, exams, and X-rays.

Are dentures covered?

Yes! Starting in July 2023, dentures, partials, and adjustments are covered. Adults must meet some medically necessary criteria to qualify, including having X-rays. 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 annual benefit for adults?

There is no maximum for the newly covered fillings, crowns, gum disease care, and dentures. The managed care organizations have a \$500 annual benefit only for the exams and cleanings.

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 the managed care organization for help finding a transportation provider for scheduled dental appointments.