

Expanded Dental Benefits for ASD ID Waiver Clients



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Dental care is the number one unmet need among adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID). To meet this need, expanded dental services have been temporarily added to the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID) Waiver. This is different than the types of services Nevada Medicaid typically provides for adults with ID/DD, which currently only includes emergency extractions, palliative care, and removable prosthesis with prior authorization.

These temporary expanded dental services are only for individuals ages 21 and older on the ID Waiver and will be effective February 1, 2023. Each participant will have a maximum of \$2,500 in services annually Oct - Sept.



What do I do next to access these expanded benefits?

Your dentist or any dentist who will provide you with care under this waiver expansion needs to be a current Medicaid provider. The dentist will be able to bill for services without pre-approval after examination and

determination that you need dental care, and will need to write a treatment plan for you so that they can be paid for services by the waiver.



Diagnostic Procedures

- Comprehensive exam (new patient exam, or absent from practice for 3 years, or major changes in dental or overall health, completion of medical/dental history, complete series of x-rays, periodontal (gingiva/gums) exam, behavior management plan/treatment plan, etc).
- Periodic exam (routine exam for continuing care, update health/behavior status, possible x-rays, etc.)



Preventive Services

- Prophylaxis (routine cleaning of teeth)
- Fluoride treatment (applied to teeth to strengthen enamel surfaces to reduce cavities)



X-rays

- Full mouth series
- Bitewings (type of x-ray included in a full series, or at follow-up visits that allows visualization in-between teeth to assess for cavities)
- Panoramic (two-dimensional x-ray displaying both the upper and lower jaws and teeth in the same film)
- Periapical (single x-ray)



Restorative (fillings)

- Resin-based composite (white fillings) or amalgam (silver fillings)
- Prefabricated stainless steel crown and resin-crown
- Core buildup (large filling to add strength/bulk to a tooth usually in preparation for a crown)



Periodontal (gum disease)

- Scaling and root planing (deep cleaning)



Endodontic (root canal)

- Root canal (removal of diseased/infected tissue within tooth roots, cleaning/disinfection of root system, filling / sealing of root system of a permanent tooth)
- Retreatment of previous root canal, anterior teeth only

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Dentures/Partials

- Complete dentures (fabricated appliances without any remaining teeth per arch)
- Partial dentures (fabricated appliances that attach to remaining teeth to enhance retention of denture)
- Rebase and reline of complete and partial dentures (refit surfaces of dentures due to the changes in jaws/gums from time and use of dentures)



Oral Surgery

- Extractions (having a tooth pulled)
- Removal of impacted tooth (removing tooth that hasn't completely erupted into mouth)
- Surgical denture preparation (smoothing of irregular bony surface of jaw bones to better accept a denture and increase comfort also called alveoloplasty)



Adjunctive General Service

- Nitrous oxide sedation (in office inhaled relaxant commonly called laughing gas)
- General anesthesia (deep sedation) - This benefit is not covered under the dental expanded benefits but should be paid by medical insurance.
- Intravenous conscious sedation
- Non-intravenous oral (moderate sedation) conscious sedation (often liquid or pills to relax a patient before their appointment)
- Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain
- Periapical (single x-ray)



Other

- Occlusal guard
- Occlusal guard adjustment
- Dental Case Management



Services that are not covered

- Biopsies
- Retainers
- Pontic (synthetic tooth that replaces missing tooth)



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