

Bulk Billing for eligible children under Medicare

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We Bulk Bill dental treatment for eligible children with no gap payment between Medicare and our fees.

More than 3 million children will be eligible for Medicare-funded dental care under the current government scheme. Families that are eligible for will receive \$1,000 worth of treatment per child to be spent over two consecutive years.

Please call us to schedule an appointment for your child.

The Children's Dental Benefit Schedule: Helping kids to grow up smiling

You may have heard the news about the new dental benefit that replaced the Medicare Teen Dental Plan (MTDP), providing \$1000 free dental for eligible kids every 2 years.

If you haven't, it's the perfect opportunity to get up to speed with the new policy and how it may be able to help your children maintain good oral health and achieve that bright smile that will last them through to adulthood.

The Children's Dental Benefit Schedule

The Children's Dental Benefit Schedule (CDBS) replaced the MTDP on January 1, 2014. While the previous plan only covered the cost of an annual preventive dental check for those aged 12-17, the new CDBS covers a wider range of services and children aged between 2 and 17 are included in the

scheme.

To be eligible to receive the benefit, families will need to undertake a means test. It's expected that around 3.4 million Australian children in total will be covered by the CDBS.

Under this benefit, children will be able to receive a payout capped at \$1,000 each over a two year calendar period to cover the cost of basic dental services.

This means examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, extractions and root canals are all covered by the CDBS. However, orthodontic work and cosmetic dentistry procedures are excluded from the schedule. In addition to this, services provided by a hospital are also exempt from the benefit.

Why earlier is better

With the CDBS, there's more motivation than ever for parents to really commit to the preventive dental approach for their children.

Taking your child along for regular dental check-ups every six months can have a critical effect on their overall oral health. These check-ups provide the opportunity for early detection of any dental issues that may be present in your child's mouth.

The longer dental problems go untreated, the more severe the impact can be on your child. That's why regular check-ups are essential for identifying and resolving these issues before they can pose a more serious problem for your child.