10. Dental Services

The Division of Medicaid covers medically necessary dental services for non-Early and Period Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)-eligible beneficiaries that:

a) Are an adjunct to treatment of an acute medical or surgical condition,

b) Include services of oral surgeons and dentists in connection with surgery related to the jaw or any structure contiguous to the jaw or the reduction of any fracture of the jaw or any facial bone, and

c) Include emergency dental extractions and treatment.

The Division of Medicaid requires prior authorization, except for emergencies, for certain medically necessary dental services by the Division of Medicaid’s Utilization Review/Quality Improvement Organization (UM/QIO) or a contracted Coordinated Care Organization’s (CCO’s) UM/QIO for non-EPSDT beneficiaries.

The Division of Medicaid covers medically necessary dental services for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries including:

a) Diagnostic,

b) Preventive,

c) Therapeutic,

d) Emergency, and

e) Orthodontic.

Dental Benefit Limits:

For dates of service beginning July 1, 2007, dental services (except orthodontia) are limited to $2,500 per beneficiary per fiscal year. Additional dental services in excess of the $2,500 annual limit may be provided with prior authorization from the Division of Medicaid’s UM/QIO or a contracted CCO’s UM/QIO.

Orthodontic Services:

Orthodontic services are covered when medically necessary and prior authorized by the Division of Medicaid or designated entity for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries. Orthodontia-related services are limited to $4,200 per beneficiary per lifetime. Additional dental services in excess of the $4,200 lifetime limit may be provided with prior authorization from the Division of Medicaid’s UM/QIO or a contracted CCO’s UM/QIO.

Dentures:

Dentures are covered when medically necessary and prior authorized by the Division of Medicaid’s UM/QIO or a contracted CCO’s UM/QIO for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries.
Dental and Orthodontic Services - Payment for dental services is the lesser of:

1. The provider’s usual and customary charge,
2. A fee from the Mississippi Medicaid statewide uniform dental fee schedule in effect July 1, 2018, or
3. The fiftieth (50th) percentile fee reflected in the 2019 National Dental Advisory Service (NDAS) Fee Report.

Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of dental services. The Division of Medicaid’s fee schedule rate was set as of March 1, 2019, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All fees are published on the Division of Medicaid’s website at https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/.

Medically necessary dental services for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries which exceed the scope for Medicaid beneficiaries as covered in this Plan are reimbursed according to the methodology in the above paragraphs.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Division of Medicaid, as required by state law, will reduce the rate of reimbursement to providers for any service by five percent (5%) of the total allowed amount for all services on a claim. The published fees do not include the five percent (5%) reduction.