

Dental Care

Options to Access Dental Services

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Families without health insurance and those with health plans that do not cover dental care may be able to benefit from a wide variety of programs to ensure that they have access to the care they need. Before you investigate using any service that provides dental care, it is wise to check if you qualify for any public or private health coverage plans that would provide dental care. Other fact sheets in this series address a variety of health care coverage options that may work for members of your family.

Medicaid

In accordance with federal law, all medically necessary dental services are provided for children under age 21 if they are enrolled in an Indiana Medicaid program. A list of dentists participating with the program can be found here: <http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/ProviderSearch.aspx>.

To learn more about Medicaid eligibility, please view the other fact sheets in this series.

Children's Special Health Care Services

This program pays for dental care visits for a qualifying participant. All other insurance must be utilized first, and the rules of primary insurance policies must be followed before CSHCS will consider payment. Please see our Fact Sheet on this topic for more information on how to apply for this program.

Private Insurance

Families who have private health insurance coverage through an employer sponsored plan, or a plan purchased independently, may have some dental coverage as a part of the plan benefit. Some employers offer separate dental coverage plans that employees can opt to purchase. All types of insurance plans come with materials that explain benefits, procedures for obtaining authorization of services, and addressing appeals and concerns. Families should read these materials and be aware of changes. Your employer, human resources department, and plan administrator are key sources for this type of information. Increasingly, employers are also sharing this type of information electronically. Families are encouraged to learn about what types of dental insurance might be available to them.

Reduced Fee and Free Services

A variety of clinics, programs and organizations provide dental services to children and adults in Indiana who do not have dental coverage and cannot afford standard fees. Each program has different eligibility criteria. To find options near you consider the following resources.

Community Health Centers

Many community health centers provide dental services. For a list of community health centers go to: <https://www.indianapca.org/about-chcs/find-a-chc/>

To learn more
call the MCH
MOMS Helpline:

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1-844-624-6667

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Dental Schools

Dental schools can be a source of quality, reduced-cost dental treatment. The Indiana University School of Dentistry offers services for fees that are generally 1/3 less than a typical dentist practice.

Indiana University School of Dentistry
1121 W. Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202-5186
Ph: (317) 274-7597

University Pediatric Dentistry Associates
705 Riley Hospital Drive #3210
Indianapolis, IN 46202-5109
Ph: (317) 944-3865

Bureau of Primary Health Care

The Bureau of Primary Health Care, a service of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), supports federally-funded community health centers across the country that provide free or reduced-cost health services, including dental care. To obtain a list of centers in your area, contact the HRSA Information Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-HRSA (1-888-275-4772), or visit their web site at:

<https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>

SEAL Indiana

SEAL INDIANA is a statewide dental program that provides preventive oral health services for children who do not have adequate access to dental care using portable equipment. Services provided by SEAL INDIANA include dental sealants, examinations, toothbrush prophylaxis, oral hygiene instructions and fluoride varnish. Treatment is based on the individual needs of each child. SEAL INDIANA does not provide any restorative services. For more information on this mobile program, email iusdseal@iu.edu or civiceng@iu.edu

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