

Full Restoration of Adult Dental Services in 2018

Effective **January 1, 2018**, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will restore optional adult dental benefits for beneficiaries ages 21 and older with full-scope dental coverage. Senate Bill 97 (Chapter 52, Statutes of 2017) amended Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14131.10 and requires full restoration of adult optional dental benefits that were not restored in May 2014. Restored benefits will include, for example, laboratory processed crowns, posterior root canal therapy, periodontal services, and partial dentures, including denture adjustments, repairs, and relines. The list of dental benefits is available in the dental Manual of Criteria posted on the Denti-Cal website.

Procedure	Benefit		Not a benefit	
	Full Scope	Restricted Scope	Pregnancy Related	Residing in a Facility (SNF/ICF)
Oral Evaluation (Under age 3) *	✓	✗	✗	✓
Initial Exam (Age 3 and above)	✓	✗	✓	✓
Periodic Exam (Age 3 and above)	✓	✗	✓	✓
Prophylaxis	✓	✗	✓	✓
Fluoride	✓	✗	✓	✓
Restorative Services - Amalgams/ Composites/ Pre-fabricated Crowns	✓	✗	✓	✓
Laboratory Processed Crowns **	✓	✗	✓	✓
Scaling and Root Planing ***	✓	✗	✓	✓
Full Mouth Debridement	✗	✗	✗	✓
Periodontal Maintenance	✓	✗	✓	✓
Anterior Root Canals	✓	✗	✓	✓
Posterior Root Canals	✓	✗	✓	✓
Partial Dentures	✓	✗	✓	✓

Procedure	Benefit		Not a benefit	
	Full Scope	Restricted Scope	Pregnancy Related	Residing in a Facility
Full Dentures	✓	✗	✓	✓
Extractions / Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emergency Services	✓	✓	✓	✓

Exceptions:

*	ONLY a benefit under age 3
**	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Not a benefit under age 13 Over age 21, allowable under special circumstances for posterior teeth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A benefit only for the treatment of posterior teeth acting as an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps and rest. OR When the treatment plan includes an abutment crown and removable partial denture (D5213 or D5214). Both shall be submitted on the same TAR for prior authorization
***	Not a benefit under age 13. Allowable under special circumstances