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Child Dental Benefits Schedule



Australian Government

Department of Human Services

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule is a new child dental benefits programme. It gives eligible children access to up to \$1000 in benefits per child for dental services over two consecutive calendar years.

If your child doesn't use the full \$1000 for dental services in the first year, they can use the balance in the second year if they're still eligible.

You don't need to register for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. Eligible families and teenagers will get a letter from the Australian Government. The letter will generally be sent to the person receiving the government payment.

Eligibility

Children and teenagers are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule if they're aged 2 to 17 years for any one day of the calendar year, are eligible for Medicare, and are part of a family that receives Family Tax Benefit Part A or the child receives an Australian Government payment from the list available at **humanservices.gov.au/childdental**

Your child's eligibility will be determined each calendar year.



You can check your child's eligibility and balance through your Medicare online account at my.gov.au or by calling **132 011**.

Services covered

Services available include:

- examinations
- x-rays
- cleaning
- fissure sealing
- fillings
- root canals
- extractions.

Orthodontic services, cosmetic dental work and services provided in a hospital aren't covered.

Accessing the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Once you know your child is eligible, make an appointment for your child with a participating private or public dentist and let them know you'll be using the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The dentist must discuss your child's proposed treatment and the likely costs with you. You'll also be asked to sign a consent form. You should only sign the consent form after you've discussed and agreed to the treatment and the costs.

Remember to take your child's Medicare card to the appointment.

Shared care arrangements

If your child is in equal shared care arrangements, both parties will be notified of the child's eligibility for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. Regardless of which parent/carer organises the child's dental care the \$1000 benefit cap can't be exceeded.

Paying for the services provided

Bulk billing

If your dentist bulk bills, you don't need to pay for services or submit a claim. The cost comes from your \$1000 benefit cap.

Dentists in the state or territory public dental systems will bulk bill.

Private billing

If your dentist doesn't bulk bill, you'll be issued with a private account which you need to pay. You can submit your claim for benefits:

- electronically at the dental surgery, if your dentist offers electronic claiming
- by downloading the Medicare claim form and posting it to the Department of Human Services, GPO Box 9822 in your capital city, or putting it in the drop-box at one of our service centres
- in person at a Medicare Service Centre, or
- by calling **132 011**.

More information on claiming is available at **humanservices.gov.au**
Search for Medicare services.



If your dentist charges more than the amount you get back from Medicare, you must pay the difference. Out-of-pocket costs don't count towards the Medicare Safety Net or the Extended Medicare Safety Net thresholds.

You can't claim a payment for the same dental services from both a private health insurer and Medicare under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.



For more information

Online [humanservices.gov.au/
childdental](https://humanservices.gov.au/childdental)

Visit a Medicare Service Centre

Call **132 011***

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