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Preventive Services				
	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service - specific limitations	
Cleanings	Yes	1 x 6 months		
Fluoride treatments (including fluoride varnishes)	Yes	1 x 6 months	Once every 3 months for children at high risk for Early Childhood Caries	
Sealants (list any tooth-specific limits)	Yes	1 x lifetime	Ages 0-14, Teeth 2-5, 12-15, 18-21, 28-31. Covered only for the occlusal surfaces of posterior permanent teeth without restorations or decay. Covered for primary molars. One per lifetime per tooth.	
Space maintainers	Yes	1 x lifetime	One per lifetime per quadrant or arch.	
Diagnostic Services				
	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service - specific limitations	Recommended age of first visit ?
Oral health screening or assessment	Yes		Frequency as needed. The first dental visit is recommended by 12 months of age, or within 6 months of eruption of the first tooth.	
Dental examinations	Yes	1 x 6 months		The first dental visit is recommended by 12 months of age, or within 6 months of eruption of the first tooth
Assessment of risk for tooth decay	Yes	1 x 6 months	Frequency as needed. The first dental visit is recommended by 12 months of age, or within 6 months of eruption of the first tooth.	
X-Rays				
Bitewing	Yes	1 x year		
Full Mouth	Yes	1 x every 3 years		
Panoramic	Yes	1 x every 3 years		
Treatment Services				
	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service - specific limitations	Criteria for coverage
Anti-microbial treatments that stop decay from spreading	No			
Fillings				
Silver amalgam	Yes		One per 12 months per tooth, per surface.	
Tooth colored composite	Yes		One per 12 months per tooth, per surface.	
Crowns/tooth caps				
Stainless steel crowns	Yes		One per 60 months per patient per tooth.	

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Metal (only) crowns	Yes		One per 60 months per patient per tooth.	
Metal/porcelain crowns	Yes		One per 60 months per patient per tooth.	
Porcelain (only) crowns	Yes		One per 60 months per patient per tooth.	
Root Canals (endodontics)				
Root canals on baby teeth (pulpotomies)	Yes			
Root canals on permanent teeth	Yes		One per lifetime per patient per tooth. Retreatment of the root canal requires prior authorization	
Gum (periodontal) therapy	Yes		Frequency limit varies dependent on periodontal treatment procedure current dental terminology (CDT) code. Some periodontal CDT codes require prior authorization. Criteria for coverage include clinical narrative of medical necessity, full mouth series of x-rays, and periodontal charting.	
Dentures				
Partial dentures	Yes		One per 60 months per patient per arch.	
Complete dentures	Yes		One per 60 months per patient per arch.	
Bridges	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Orthodontics*				
Retainers (orthodontic)	Yes - only with prior authorization		Maximum of 2 units reimbursed.	
Braces	Yes - only with prior authorization		Once per lifetime.	Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index score of greater than or equal to 15. Has one or more automatic qualifying conditions that cause dysfunction due to handicapping malocclusion.
Oral surgery				
Simple extractions	Yes		Once per lifetime per tooth	
Surgical extractions	Yes		Once per lifetime per tooth	
Care of abscesses	Yes			
Cleft palate treatment	Yes			

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Cancer treatment	Yes			
Treatment of fractures	Yes			
Biopsies	Yes			
Treatment of jaw joint problems (TMJ)	Yes		Some procedures for TMJ dysfunctions are covered D7820, D7840, D7850, D7860, and D7870.	
Emergency room services provided by a dentist	Yes			
Inpatient Hospital Services	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Anesthesia				
General anesthesia	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Intravenous conscious sedation	No			
Non-intravenous conscious sedation	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Analgesia (nitrous oxide)	Yes			

* When this information is posted on the Insure Kids Now website, we will include a special note for orthodontic services explaining that parents and caretakers should work with their child's orthodontist to ensure that the treatment and payment terms and conditions are clear at the outset of treatment (for example, what happens in the case of a child who becomes ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP while he or she is undergoing orthodontic treatment?).