**Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)**

Keep your teeth healthy by brushing in the morning and at night, eating more fruit and veggies, choosing water as a drink and having regular dental check-ups.

Eligible children can receive financial support for dental check-ups and dental treatments with the CDBS.

**Who is eligible?**

You don’t need to apply or register for the CDBS. If your child is eligible, you will automatically receive a letter in the post or through myGov to let you know. Eligibility is assessed annually and is valid for that calendar year.

**Your child is eligible when:**

- they are eligible for Medicare
- they are under 18
- they receive an eligible payment at least once that year, or you receive one as their parent or guardian.

**Check if your child is eligible**

You can check to see if your child is eligible for the CDBS this year by:

- checking your Medicare online account through MyGov at [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au), select ‘History and statements’, then ‘Child Dental Benefits Schedule’
- calling Medicare on 132 011

Find out more about the eligibility criteria at [servicesaustralia.gov.au/childdental](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/childdental)

**What is covered?**

Eligible children can access up to $1,095* for basic dental services over 2 calendar years.

The services covered include:

- dental check-ups
- cleaning
- x-rays
- fissure sealing
- fillings
- root canals
- extractions.

At your appointment check what each service will cost and if the CDBS covers the full cost of those services.

The CDBS does not cover:

- orthodontics
- cosmetic dental work
- any dental services in a hospital.

* Amount is indexed annually, this is the CDBS cap amount for 2024.
Finding a provider
You can use the CDBS for services at most dental clinics, including public dental clinics and private dental practices.

When you book an appointment:

- let your dental provider know that you want to use the CDBS, and
- ask how much funding you have available under your CDBS cap.

Public or private?
A public provider using the CDBS will bulk bill you and there will be no out-of-pocket expenses.

Some private dentists bulk bill CDBS services. Private providers who do not bulk bill may charge a gap fee for services.

Finding a provider that bulk bills
You can ask your dental provider if they bulk bill under the CDBS. To search for a dental provider, use the ‘find a health service’ tool on the healthdirect website at: healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services

For more information on the CDBS
- Visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/childdental
- Call Services Australia on 132 011
- Ask your dental provider about the CDBS!

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