



Pediatric oral health



Every member of the care team,
from birth to adolescence, plays a
vital role in promoting oral health.



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Oral health begins before the first tooth and lasts a lifetime

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, oral health is an integral part of a child's well-being. Primary care providers have a unique opportunity to provide oral health services and refer children and their families to dental providers. A dental visit is recommended for children by 1 year of age.

Early childhood cavities (caries)

Social determinants of health can lead to a higher risk of dental disease. Left untreated, dental disease leads to pain and infection and can potentially affect social and emotional well-being, eating habits and missed school or work hours.



Normal healthy primary teeth



Brown spots



Chalky white spots



Severe decay

According to the CDC, 34 million school hours are lost each year because of emergency dental care among 5- to 17-year-old children.

How can primary care providers help?

Add preventive oral health services to routine well child/adolescent visits

- ▶ Oral health screening or assessment
- ▶ Guidance and education on the importance of oral health
- ▶ Fluoride varnish application
- ▶ Referral to primary dental home



Note: Some of these services may be reimbursable.

CareOregon oral health resources and provider support

We offer resources to support oral health management and connect patients to dental care:

- ▶ Educational curricula and training for provider teams
- ▶ Data and dashboard tools
- ▶ Dental navigation tools
- ▶ Technical assistance
- ▶ Support for workflow implementation and any questions

For support, please contact
oralhealth@careoregon.org

Oregon Health Plan dental benefits

OHP members of all ages have a comprehensive dental benefit package, including:

- ▶ Exams, X-rays and cleanings
- ▶ Fluoride treatments
- ▶ Deep cleaning for gum disease
- ▶ Fillings
- ▶ Tooth removal
- ▶ Partial dentures, generally every five years
- ▶ Full dentures, generally every 10 years
- ▶ Crowns (limited)
- ▶ Root canals (limited)

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Thank you for helping your pediatric patients get off to a strong start.

