

Special Health Care Needs Benefit

Making Oral Health Care Accessible



For individuals with special health care needs, a dentist appointment can feel overwhelming. Our Special Health Care Needs Benefit aims to improve the experience and accessibility of visiting the dentist.

EXPANDED BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- **Exams** - Additional visits prior to treatment to help patients learn what to expect.
- **Cleanings** - Up to four dental cleanings in a benefit period.
- **Anesthesia** - When necessary to provide dental care.

SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS BENEFIT DETAILS:

Who is eligible for benefits? All covered members with a qualifying health care need are eligible for expanded benefits. There is no age limit.

What is considered a qualifying health care need? According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, special health care needs include any physical, developmental, mental, sensory, behavioral, cognitive or emotional impairment or limiting condition that requires medical management, health care intervention and/or use of specialized services or programs. The condition may be congenital, developmental, or acquired through disease, trauma, or environmental cause and may impose limitations in performing daily self-maintenance activities or substantial limitations in a major life activity.

How do I use this benefit? Talk to your dentist about utilizing this benefit. When they submit the claim for your dental services, they will simply include an extra code that alerts us to the use of these benefits.

