ADULT DENTAL

Washington Apple Health (Medicaid)

Starting January 1, 2014

Client Handout

- The Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) resumed covering dental services for all adults with Medicaid (clients 21 years of age and older)
- Includes people who already have Medicaid AND people who are eligible for “Expanded Medicaid,” part of health care reform.
- Medicaid is now “Apple Health.”

WHAT’S COVERED?

**DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES**

- **EXAMS**
  - Initial Comprehensive Exam – Once per client, per provider or clinic
  - Periodic Exam – 1 every 12 months
  - Limited Exam – as needed
- **X-RAYS**
  - Complete Series (FMX) – 1 every 3 years
  - 4 Bitewings – every 12 months
  - Panorex – every 3 years (A panorex is a two-dimensional dental x-ray that displays both the upper and lower jaws and teeth, in the same film).
  - Periapical – as needed (common need: a possible abscess)

**PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

- Prophylaxis (Cleaning) – 1 every 12 months
- Fluoride Application (Varnish)
  - 21 and older – 1 every 12 months
  - Residents of alternative living facility – 3 every 12 months

**BASIC RESTORATIVE (FILLINGS)**

- Composite or Amalgam restorations - once per tooth in a 2-year period
- **CROWNS – NOT COVERED**

**PERIODONTAL (GUM DISEASE)**

- Scaling and Root Planing – every 2 years per quadrant
- Perio Maintenance – once every 12 months

**ENDODONTIC (ROOT CANAL)**

- Anterior (front) teeth only – upper and lower

**DENTURES / PARTIALS**

- Complete Dentures – covered, with Prior Authorization (PA) required
- Partial Dentures – Resin Based (Acrylic) – covered, but Prior Authorization required
  - At least one anterior tooth or 4 posterior teeth, not including 2nd or 3rd molars, missing per arch to be considered for approval.
  - If in alternative living facility, requires medical diagnosis, prognosis, and documentation of medical necessity to be considered for approval.
- **Replacement of Partial** – may be covered if existing dentures are at least 3 years old.
- Rebase and Reline of Dentures – once in a 3-year period, at least 6 months after original dentures inserted.

**ORAL SURGERY**

Simple extractions, Surgical extractions, Biopsies, Intraoral and Extraoral Incise, and Drain
- Nitrous oxide sedation covered
- Oral and other sedation methods **NOT COVERED**.

**ORTHODONTICS**

- Clients over the age of 20 are **NOT COVERED**.

**OTHER NON-COVERED SERVICES**

- Implants
- Bridges

**DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD)**

- For adults with this designation, all coverage is the same as above with the following additions:
  - Topical Fluoride – 3 times per year
  - Sealants – covered for posterior teeth
  - Crowns – Stainless Steel only, covered for posterior teeth with supporting documentation
  - Prophylaxis, Scaling and Root Planing, and Perio Maintenance – any combination of the 3 in a 12-month period

For more information your covered dental benefits contact:

Health Care Authority/ProviderOne

1-800-562-3022

To find a provider that takes Apple Health visit:

https://fortress.wa.gov/hca/p1findaprovider/