



# DeltaCare<sup>®</sup> USA: Getting dental care for your child



DeltaCare USA offers comprehensive and affordable coverage for your child's visits to the dentist. Find out what's covered and when you should seek care.

## **Benefits include:**

- No-cost oral evaluations for patients under the age of 3
- Visits to a pediatric specialist without a general dentist's referral through age 13
- Comprehensive orthodontic coverage, including clear aligners
- Tooth-colored fillings on front and back teeth if your child develops a cavity

As with all DeltaCare USA plans, there are no waiting periods, no claims to file and no deductibles. You'll know in advance what your copayment will be for a covered service.

## **To have your child see a pediatric dentist:**

Dependent children covered under a DeltaCare USA plan have the option to seek dental care from a pediatric dentist through the age of 13, whether or not the child has an assigned general dentist. Referrals to visit a pediatric specialist are not required. If the pediatric dentist determines that additional specialty care is needed, they may refer pediatric patients directly to other specialists, such as an orthodontist. At age 14, covered dependent children must obtain care from their assigned DeltaCare USA general dentist.

## **Why does my child need dental care?**

Even if your child doesn't have teeth yet, it's still important that they go see a pediatric dentist around the age of 1. Pediatric dentists are specially trained in children's oral health and know how to make young patients feel comfortable in the dentist's chair. They treat dental issues specific to little mouths from infancy through the teen years.

### At your child's first visit:

- You'll learn how to care for your baby's new teeth.
- The dentist will also look for issues such as an undiagnosed cleft palate.

### Around 2 years of age:

- The dentist will check your toddler's new teeth for any problems.
- They'll get a complete oral evaluation, including a search for any early cavities.
- Typically, a cleaning will not be required unless there is a significant problem.

### Around 3 years of age and on:

- It's time for a full dental visit! Your child will likely get x-rays, cleaning and fluoride treatments and evaluated for cavities. Your dentist will discuss treatment options.
- Cleanings and exams will continue every six months going forward, similar to adults.
- The dentist will evaluate your child for orthodontic needs at every visit because changes during this age are rapid.

### Ages 7-13

- The dentist will refer your child to an orthodontist for evaluation as early as 7-9 years of age if they see problems. Otherwise, they'll be referred to an orthodontist at age 11-12 when they get their 12-year molars if needed.
- Once primary molars appear, the dentist will recommend sealants to prevent cavities, usually between the ages of 7-12.



For more information on your DeltaCare USA plan or to search for a pediatric specialist, visit [deltadentalins.com/deltacare](https://deltadentalins.com/deltacare).



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