

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

The purpose of this bulletin is to align dental policy with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) periodicity schedule and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) policy by expanding coverage to include fully erupted primary first and second molars and permanent first and second premolars for beneficiaries under age 21.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

Medicaid coverage of dental sealants is not in alignment with current EPSDT recommendations. Current policy is more restrictive than EPSDT guidelines in both age parameters and teeth eligible for sealant coverage.

Budget implication:

budget neutral

will cost MDHHS \$ 4.5 million gross, and is budgeted in current appropriation

will save MDHHS \$

Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?

Yes, to align with EPSDT recommendations.

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

Yes, claims parameters will need to be updated.

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No.

Summary of input:

controversial

acceptable to most/all groups

limited public interest/comment

Supporting Documentation:

State Plan Amendment Required: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, please provide status:	If yes, Submission Date:
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Date: TBD Approval Date:	

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	Project Number: 2237-Dental	Date: October 10, 2022

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Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2023
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Policy Subject: Changes to Dental Sealant Coverage

Affected Programs: Medicaid, MICHild, Healthy Michigan Plan, Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

Distribution: Dentists, Dental Clinics, Dental Health Plans, Medicaid Health Plans, Integrated Care Organizations, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Tribal Health Centers, Local Health Departments

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Purpose: Medicaid coverage of dental sealants is not in alignment with current EPSDT recommendations. Current policy is more restrictive than EPSDT guidelines in both age parameters and teeth eligible for sealant coverage.

Cost Implications: This will cost MDHHS \$4.5 million gross and is budgeted in current appropriation.

Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: None

State Plan Amendment Required: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, date submitted:	Public Notice Required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submitted date:
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Tribal Notification: Yes No - **Date:**

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Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

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Issued: December 1, 2022 (Proposed)

Subject: Changes to Dental Sealant Coverage

Effective: January 1, 2023 (Proposed)

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Note: Implementation of this policy is contingent upon approval of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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Dental Periodicity Schedule

The Dental Periodicity Schedule follows the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recommendations for Pediatric Oral Health Assessment, Preventive Services, and Anticipatory Guidance/Counseling Schedule. The AAPD periodicity schedule recommends dental sealant coverage of first and second primary molars and for first and second permanent bicuspids for any beneficiary under 21 years of age to prevent and reduce the likelihood of dental caries.

Expansion of Dental Sealant Coverage

Effective January 1, 2023, MDHHS will expand dental sealant coverage for beneficiaries under age 21 for the prevention of pit and fissure caries. In addition to fully erupted first and second permanent molars (2, 3, 14, 15, 18, 19, 30, 31), the expanded coverage includes fully erupted primary first and second molars (A, B, I, J, K, L, S, T) and fully erupted permanent first and second premolars (4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21, 28, 29).

Sealants are covered once every three years. Medicaid reimbursement includes repair and replacement of the sealant for three years.

Conditions required for coverage include the following:

- Surfaces must be free from caries.
- Surfaces to be sealed must be free of any restorations.

Medicaid does not cover sealants applied on beneficiaries with any of the following conditions:

- moderate decay;
- advanced decay;
- severe decay; or
- previous restoration on identified tooth.