

Oral Health

February is National Children’s Dental Health Month. Oral health, inextricably linked to overall health, is essential for healthy development and healthy aging. Children who have poor oral health often miss more school and have lower grades than children who have good oral health. As many as 90% of common diseases have oral symptoms and can be detected by a dentist during a routine exam. More than 120 symptoms of nondental disease can be detected through a routine oral exam. It’s important to encourage your patients to obtain routine oral health care by their first birthday and then regularly thereafter in order to improve and maintain their overall health.

Who has dental coverage?

- **Healthy Michigan Plan** – MHP Healthy Michigan Plan members have dental coverage through Delta Dental at no out-of-pocket cost.
- **Healthy Kids Dental** – MHP Medicaid members under the age of 21 qualify for Healthy Kids Dental through MDHHS.
- **Pregnant Women’s Dental** – MHP’s pregnant members have dental coverage through Delta Dental during their entire pregnancy and three months post-partum at no out-of-pocket cost.

What’s covered? Below is a list of some – but not all – of the covered dental services:

- Oral exams
- X-rays
- Screenings and assessments
- Extractions
- Teeth cleanings
- Fillings
- Emergency treatment
- Crowns

Some health conditions, such as diabetes, pregnancy, eating disorders and medications, can impact the patient’s oral health. Please encourage your patients to take care of their oral health and obtain preventive oral screenings and treatments.

Talk to your patients about smoking cessation. MHP has a free stop smoking program for MHP Community and Medicaid members, call 800-784-8669.

Thank you for the quality care you deliver!

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