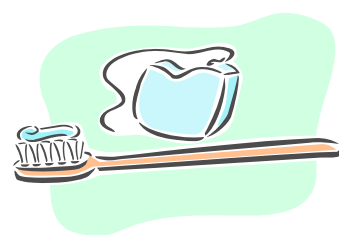


# CHIP EXTENDED DENTAL PLAN



The Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) offers Extended Dental Plan services effective July 1, 2008 for services provided July 1 through September 30, 2008. A child must have significant dental needs to be eligible for the Extended Dental Plan (EDP). The dental provider must complete the "Request for EDP" form and the request must be approved **prior to providing services**. The program provides payment for approved dental services exceeding the CHIP basic dental limit. EDP funding is limited. When all funds are allocated, new funding will not be available until July 2009. **No EDP requests will be accepted prior to June 1, 2008.**

## What's covered by the CHIP Extended Dental Plan (EDP)?

All services currently covered by the CHIP basic dental plan are also covered by the EDP. The EDP increases the dental services CHIP can pay for after the child's basic limit is met.

The following CDT-5 ranges are the only services NOT covered:

D5900-D5999 Maxillofacial Prosthetics

D6000-D6199 Implant Services

D7610-D7780 Treatment of Fractures

D7920-D7999 Other Repair Procedures

D8000-D8999 Orthodontic Services

## How much does CHIP pay for dental services?

The basic dental plan pays up to \$350 per benefit year (October - September) for dental services. A CHIP enrolled child has coverage for basic dental services valued up to \$412 each benefit year since CHIP dentists provide a 15% discount.

Once a child qualifies for EDP, CHIP can pay up to an additional \$1,000 for services. A child has coverage for EDP services valued up to \$1,176 each benefit year because CHIP dentists offer the generous 15% discount. The maximum CHIP payment for basic and EDP services is \$1,350 per benefit year.

## How do dental providers request CHIP EDP benefits for patients?

- The dental provider completes the "Request for Extended Dental Benefits" form which includes a treatment plan listing needed services and estimated costs.
  - Forms are available on the CHIP website at [www.chip.mt.gov](http://www.chip.mt.gov) under the "Provider" resource tab or request a form by calling CHIP at 1-877-543-7669.
- The dental provider submits the EDP form to CHIP by fax (1-877-418-4533) or mail (CHIP, PO Box 202951, Helena, MT 59620).
- CHIP reviews the treatment plan within ten (10) working days and notifies the provider by return fax or mail if the child is approved for EDP services.

## How do dental providers bill for CHIP Extended Dental Plan benefits?

Claims are submitted and processed through Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) in the same manner as other CHIP dental claims. There is no need to include the EDP request form when billing.

## Who do I contact if I need more information?

Call CHIP Dental Manager Barb Arnold at (406) 444-7046 or 1-877- 543-7669 ext 7046 or e-mail her at [barnold2@mt.gov](mailto:barnold2@mt.gov).