



Australian Government
Department of Health
and Aged Care

Get up to **\$1,095***
towards your kids
dental care



Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)

Keep your teeth healthy by brushing in the morning and at night, eating more fruit and veggies, choosing water as a drink and having regular dental check-ups.

Eligible children can receive financial support for dental check ups and dental treatments with the CDBS.

Who is eligible?

You don't need to apply or register for the CDBS. If your child is eligible, you will automatically receive a letter in the post or through myGov to let you know. Eligibility is assessed annually and is valid for that calendar year.

Your child is eligible when:

- ✓ they are eligible for Medicare
- ✓ they are under 18
- ✓ they receive an eligible payment at least once that year, or you receive one as their parent or guardian.

Check if your child is eligible

You can check to see if your child is eligible for the CDBS this year by:

- ✓ checking your **Medicare online account** through MyGov at my.gov.au, select 'History and statements', then 'Child Dental Benefits Schedule'
- ✓ calling **Medicare on 132 011**

Find out more about the eligibility criteria at servicesaustralia.gov.au/childdental

What is covered?

Eligible children can access up to **\$1,095*** for basic dental services over 2 calendar years.

The services covered include:

- ✓ dental check-ups
- ✓ cleaning
- ✓ x-rays
- ✓ fissure sealing
- ✓ fillings
- ✓ root canals
- ✓ extractions.

At your appointment check what each service will cost and if the CDBS covers the full cost of those services.

The CDBS does not cover:

- ✗ orthodontics
- ✗ cosmetic dental work
- ✗ any dental services in a hospital.

* Amount is indexed annually, this is the CDBS cap amount for 2024.

Finding a provider

You can use the CDBS for services at most dental clinics, including public dental clinics and private dental practices.

When you book an appointment:

- ✓ let your dental provider know that you want to use the CDBS, and
- ✓ ask how much funding you have available under your CDBS cap.

Public or private?

A public provider using the CDBS will bulk bill you and there will be no out-of-pocket expenses.

Some private dentists bulk bill CDBS services. Private providers who do not bulk bill may charge a gap fee for services.

Finding a provider that bulk bills

You can ask your dental provider if they bulk bill under the CDBS. To search for a dental provider, use the **'find a health service'** tool on the healthdirect website at: healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services

For more information on the CDBS

- ✓ Visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/childdental
- ✓ Call **Services Australia** on **132 011**
- ✓ **Ask your dental provider** about the CDBS!



For more information, please visit
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