

Effective January 1, 2014, all new and renewing Small Groups and Individual policies will now include coverage for pediatric dental services.

As ConnectiCare's Small Group or Non-Grandfathered SOLO plans renew or become effective as of January 1, 2014, we must cover Essential Health Benefits (EHB) per the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Part of the EHBs includes pediatric dental services. Pediatric Dental benefits include services for individuals under the age of 19 years as determined by the State of Connecticut in its EHB package.

These benefits include:

- Diagnostic and Preventive
 - Oral Examinations of any type twice in any consecutive 12-month period.
 - Cleanings twice in any consecutive 12 month period.
 - Full mouth X-rays once in any consecutive 36 month period.
 - Bitewing X-rays once in any consecutive 12 month period.
- Basic Restorative
 - Treatment of tooth decay using amalgam and/or composite restorations (fillings).
- Major Restorative
 - Crowns (stainless steel and/or porcelain with metal or ceramic substrates).
 - Endodontics (pulpotomies, pulpal therapy and root canal therapy).
 - Periodontics (treatment of gum disease).
 - Removable prosthetics (partial and full dentures).
 - Extractions (simple and surgical extractions and impacted tooth removal).
- Medically necessary Orthodontia
 - Straightening of teeth when necessary to correct severe handicapping malocclusions that impinge on the member's ability to chew and or speak. Documentation detailing the specific deviations is required.

ConnectiCare's standard dental exclusions and limitations apply to pediatric dental EHB services. There is no coverage for:

- Members age 19 and older.
- Dental treatments, medications and supplies which are not medically necessary.
- Services that are considered cosmetic.
- Implants and implant related services.
- Non-Diagnostic and Non-Preventive services are subject to the applicable medical plan's up front deductibles and may include cost shares. Refer to your ConnectiCare Benefit Summary for full details.

To get a full list of covered and non-covered services, you should refer to your membership agreement or certificate of coverage for complete details or call ConnectiCare Dental at 1-888-843-4727. To locate dentists who participate in ConnectiCare's Pediatric Dental Network, you should refer to the "Freedom" Dental Network located at www.connecticare.com.

ConnectiCare will continue to offer our stand alone dental plans for Large Group, Small Group and Adult only plans for SOLO. You should contact your ConnectiCare Sales Representative with any questions about purchasing a standalone dental plan. .