

RI Medicaid Dental Benefit Package for Adults (Age 21 and over)

While dental coverage for children is available in every state, the adult benefit is determined by each state. While Rhode Island Medicaid does cover basic dental services, there are limitations to the extent of coverage, and not all procedures are covered. Please review the following and visit <https://eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/DentalServices/Adults.aspx> for more.

Category of Dental Service	Benefit Package Some of the services listed below may be limited.
Preventive Services	Two cleanings & two oral exams <i>per calendar year</i> .
Diagnostic & Radiology Services	X-rays and all medically necessary diagnostic evaluations and radiographic/diagnostic images.
Root Canal (Endodontic) Services	Root canal therapy for <i>front teeth only</i> . Root canal therapy for premolars and molars (back teeth) not covered.
Fillings / Restorative Services	Limited restorative services, including silver and white fillings and other medically necessary restorative services. Crowns are not covered, <i>with the exception of stainless-steel crowns</i> .
Gum Treatment / Periodontal Services	Scaling and root planning, along with other gum treatments, are <i>covered but requires prior authorization</i> . Dentists submit radiographs and other information for approval.
Tooth Replacement / Prosthodontic Services	<i>Complete and partial removable dentures are covered</i> , along with adjustments and relines. There are limitations to the type and frequency of dentures which should be reviewed with the provider. Bridges, implants, or <i>other procedures for tooth replacement are not covered</i> .
Emergency & Palliative Services	Medically necessary emergency dental services, all palliative services (including routine and surgical extractions), incisions, and drainage of abscesses.
Orthodontic Services	Not a covered service for recipients over the age of 21.
Oral Surgery	Covered when medically necessary.
General Anesthesia Services	Not a covered service for recipients over the age of 21.

RI Medicaid will not pay the Dental Provider if you miss or are late for a scheduled appointment. Be sure to call and cancel 48 hours before your appointment if you cannot attend. Thank you.