



Child Dental Benefits Schedule

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) provides access to benefits for basic dental services for children and teenagers aged 2 to 17.

Eligibility

You'll get a letter to confirm if your child is eligible for the CDBS.

Eligibility is assessed at the start of each calendar year and is valid for the whole year.

A child is eligible if:

- they are aged 2–17 years for at least 1 day of the calendar year
- eligible for Medicare, and
- they or you are getting an Australian Government payment.

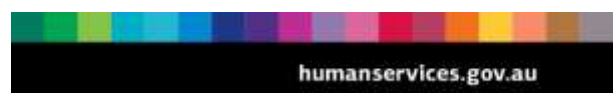
Types of payments

Payment recipient	Receives
Child's parent, carer, or guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Tax Benefit Part A• Parenting Payment or Double Orphan Pension• ABSTUDY• Family Tax Benefit Part A• Carer Payment• Disability Support Pension• Parenting Payment• Special Benefit
Child or teenager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Allowance• Financial assistance under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES) and can't be included as a dependent child for the purposes of Family Tax Benefit because they are 16 years or older, or• Financial assistance under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme (MRCAETS) and can't be included as a dependent child for the purposes of Family Tax Benefit because they are 16 years or older
Teenager's partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Tax Benefit Part A, or• Parenting Payment

Benefits available under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Benefits for basic dental services are capped at \$1000 per child over 2 consecutive calendar years. The 2-year cap period starts when a child first gets an eligible dental service.

If a child doesn't use all of their \$1000 benefit in the first year of eligibility, they can use it in the second year if they are still eligible. Any remaining balance can't be accessed after the end of the second year.



Benefits cover a range of services including examinations, X-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions.

Benefits aren't available for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work and can't be paid for any services provided in a hospital.

CDBS services won't count towards the Medicare Safety Net or the Extended Medicare Safety Net thresholds.

Process for using the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

You can confirm your child's eligibility and balance amount using your Medicare online account at **my.gov.au** or calling the Medicare general enquiries line on **132 011**.

Make an appointment with a private or public dental provider and let them know you're eligible for the CDBS.

At the time of the appointment, the dentist must discuss your child's treatment and any related costs with you before providing the services. After this you need to sign a consent form.

When the dentist has provided the services, they'll bulk bill you or charge you for the services.

Claiming benefits under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

If your dentist bulk bills, you don't need to submit a claim.

If your dentist doesn't bulk bill, you need to pay the account and claim your benefit from us.

You can submit a claim:

- electronically at the dental surgery, if your dentist offers electronic claiming
- by downloading the Medicare claim form and posting it to the Department of Human Services, GPO Box 9822 in your capital city, or placing it in the drop-box at one of our service centres
- in person at a service centre
- by calling **132 011**.

You can't claim a benefit under the CDBS and from a private health insurer for the same dental service.

Check or update your details for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Eligibility is based on details held by Centrelink and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

If your circumstances change, you need to update your family details:

- through your Centrelink online account at **my.gov.au**
- by calling the Department of Veterans' Affairs on **133 254**.

You can update your bank account details with Medicare using your Medicare online account through myGov.

For more information

- go to humanservices.gov.au/childdental for more information in English
- go to humanservices.gov.au/yourlanguage where you can read, listen to or watch information in your language
- go to humanservices.gov.au/forms for a list of our forms in English
- call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services
- call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** to speak with us in your language about Medicare and Child Support payments and services

Note: calls from your home phone to '13' numbers from anywhere in Australia are charged at a fixed rate. That rate may vary from the price of a local call and may also vary between telephone service providers. Calls to '1800' numbers from your home phone are free. Calls from public and mobile phones may be timed and charged at a higher rate.

Disclaimer

The information contained in this publication is intended only as a guide to payments and services. It is your responsibility to decide if you wish to apply for a payment and to make an application, with regard to your particular circumstances.