



Adult Health First Colorado Dental Benefit

Fact Sheet July 2019

Background

Historically, Health First Colorado has not covered dental services for adults. Lack of preventive dental coverage can contribute to a range of serious health complications and drives Health First Colorado costs for both emergency and medical services.

In 2013, the state legislature passed Senate Bill 242 which authorized the Department to create a new limited dental benefit in Health First Colorado for adults age 21 and over.

Effective July 1, 2019 Adult members will now receive up to \$1,500 in dental services per state fiscal year which runs from July 1 – June 30.

What the adult dental benefit covers

Benefits available to eligible adult Health First Colorado members (age 21 and over):

- Annual dental exams and cleanings
 - Diagnostic and restorative dental services (such as x-rays and fillings)
 - Extractions (tooth pulling)
 - Root canals *
 - Crowns*
 - Partial dentures*
 - Complete dentures*
 - Periodontal scaling*
 - Other procedures requiring *prior authorization are also available.
- Emergency services and dentures are not subject to the \$1,500 limit per state fiscal year.

Health First Colorado partners with DentaQuest

Health First Colorado has partnered with DentaQuest to help our members find a dentist and help us manage our members' dental benefits. All members will receive member identification cards along with a welcome packet from DentaQuest with information about your dental benefit coverage, how to use your dental benefits and where to get information if you have questions.

