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Medicare Australia

dental
benefits schedule

***Medicare
Teen Dental Plan—2011***

***A preventative dental check for eligible
teenagers aged 12–17 years***

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Who is eligible for the voucher?

Teenagers:

- aged 12–17 years
- eligible for Medicare
- whose family, carer or guardian receives Family Tax Benefit Part A, or who receive the following government payments:
 - ABSTUDY, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment, Special Benefit, Youth Allowance, Double Orphan Pension or
- 16 years of age or older and receiving financial assistance under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

The voucher for a preventative dental check will be sent to the teenager, family, carer or guardian receiving the government payment.

What does the voucher cover?

The voucher provides up to \$159.85[†] towards the cost of a preventative dental check. Dental treatment services are not covered under the plan.





The preventative dental check includes an oral examination and, if required:

- x-rays
- a scale and clean
- fluoride treatment
- oral hygiene instruction
- dietary advice
- sealing of pits or cracks in a tooth (fissure sealing).

How do I use the voucher?

Step 1

Make an appointment with a dentist

When making an appointment there are some questions you should ask.

- Does the dentist accept the voucher?
- Will the voucher cover the full cost of the check?
- Will there be any additional costs?

Public dental clinics can also accept the voucher. Ask the staff at your nearest clinic for information and if it is possible to schedule an appointment.

Step 2

Go to the appointment with the voucher and your Medicare card

Step 3

Claim for your preventative dental check

After your preventative dental check, the dentist will bill you in one of three ways.

1. Bulk bill the service by asking you to sign an assignment of benefit form with no cost to you.
2. Ask you to pay in full, up front—you then claim your benefit (up to \$159.85) from Medicare Australia, just like other Medicare benefits.
3. Ask you to take your unpaid account to Medicare Australia—you will then be sent a cheque to take back to the dentist.

Note: if the dentist charges more than the \$159.85 for the preventative dental check, you will need to pay the difference.

For more information

Online www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

Email medicare@medicareaustralia.gov.au

Visit your local Medicare office

Call **132 011***

TTY **1800 552 152**** (hearing and speech impaired)

TIS **131 450*** (Translating and Interpreting Service)

If you need help translating this information call the TIS on **131 450***.

† Benefit for 2011 calendar year.

* Call charges apply.

** Call charges apply from mobile and pay phones only.