

BENEFIT NEWS

WVCH: Pregnancy Dental Benefits

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All WVCH members have comprehensive dental benefits. Dental care for pregnant women is especially important.

Many members do not realize that they have dental benefits – you can help by recommending that all patients see a dentist regularly. People who see a dentist regularly are more likely to avoid acute dental infection and pain, and less likely to visit the Emergency Room for a Non-traumatic Dental Condition.



“I always encourage my pregnant patients to seek dental care as part of their overall prenatal and postpartum care.”

- WVCH Provider

Dental Care for pregnant women is safe:

Dental care for pregnant women is safe and has many benefits for mother and baby. Pregnant women who have periodontal disease are 7 times more likely to experience a poor birth outcome such as low birth weight or pre-term birth. Also, cavities are a bacterial disease process that is transmitted from mother to baby. By reducing the mother’s salivary bacteria counts through dental care, we can reduce the chances that the child’s mouth will be colonized with cavity-forming bacteria.

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When encouraging your pregnant patients to seek dental services know they have access to the following benefits under their dental plan. You can find the members dental plan on their WVCH ID Card, the eligibility screen in CIM, or by calling our customer service.

Covered dental services for all patients include the following:

Preventive services (cleanings, fluoride treatments)

Routine services (fillings, x-rays)

Dental examinations

Extractions

Dentures

Stainless steel crowns for back teeth

Emergency care

Specialist care and referrals

Pregnant women and children have enhanced dental benefits.

More frequent cleaning and exams—Pregnant women may receive two or more cleanings, depending on the state of their oral health .

Root canals for back teeth

Crowns for front teeth

Dental sealants for children age 15 and younger

Resource Information provided by:
Our dental plan partners Capitol Dental and Advantage Dental

Questions:

Contact WVCH Customer Service 503-584-2150.

OR if the patient knows what dental plan they are on you can contact them directly.

Advantage Dental Member Services—866-268-9631

Capitol Dental Member Services—800-525-6800

ODS Member Services—800-342-0526