

Free dental care for children

The Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS) provides up to \$1,000 over two consecutive calendar years in dental treatment for eligible children aged 2 to 17 years.

- Eligibility If you are a family who holds a Health Care Card, receives a Centrelink payment or Family Tax Benefit A, your child(ren) may be eligible for the CDBS
 - Call Medicare on 132 011 to confirm your family's eligibility

If your eligibility is confirmed

- Make an appointment with a dentist of your choice
- Ask your dentist about additional costs and payment methods (mention the CDBS)

- At the appointment The dentist must discuss your child's treatment and associated costs before starting treatment
 - You will need to sign a consent form before treatment begins
 - Some dentists may bulk bill OR you will have to pay the account and claim the refund through Medicare



Beneficial treatment could include:

- examinations
- x-ravs
- cleaning
- fissure sealing
- fillings
- root canals
- extractions

