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## **Dental Benefits for Adults**

Beginning July 1, 2009, the California will limit adult dental services under Medi-Cal (Denti-Cal). This state law change will ***not*** affect services provided to beneficiaries under the age of 21.

### **What adult dental benefits will still be covered?**

- All Federally Required Adult Dental Services (FRADS) will still be available to adult beneficiaries of Medi-Cal. For a complete list of FRADS please refer to Denti-Cal Bulletin May, 2009, Vol. 25 #22.
- All pregnancy related services and services for the treatment of conditions that might complicate the pregnancy. These services are available through the post-partum period and include the FRADS and Allowable Procedures Codes for Pregnant Women. For a complete list refer to Denti-Cal Bulletin May, 2009, Vol. 25 #22.

### **Who is exempt from these benefit reductions?**

- All beneficiaries under the age of 21
- Beneficiaries who are under 21 and whose course of treatment is scheduled to continue after he/she turns 21 (with the exception of orthodontic services).
- Adult beneficiaries whose course of treatment began prior to July 1, 2009, and is expected to continue after July 1, 2009, under certain conditions (see Denti-Cal Bulletin Vol. 25 #22)
- Adults in certain long term and intermediate care facilities (see Denti-Cal Bulletin Vo. 25 #22).
- Dental services which are necessary in order to undergo a covered medical service.
- Beneficiaries receiving Federally Required Adult Dental Services as listed in Denti-Cal Bulletin Vol. 25 #22.

For Denti-Cal bulletins and an adult dental benefits FAQs sheet go to:

<http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/WSI/Default.jsp?fname=Default>

For notices of reductions of Medi-Cal benefits in the threshold languages go to:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/Benefits.aspx>

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