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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers of Dental Services  
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans  
Officers, Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

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SUBJECT: Revised Ohio Department of Medicaid Dental Periodicity Schedule

The purpose of this Medicaid Advisory Letter is to announce the revised Ohio Medicaid dental periodicity schedule. The revised dental periodicity schedule is attached.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires state Medicaid programs to have a periodicity schedule addressing dental care. The periodicity schedule for dental services within Medicaid programs offers guidance on the initiation, types, and frequency of services for covered children.

The dental periodicity schedule, which was developed after consultation with the Ohio Dental Association and other oral health stakeholders, recommends that every Medicaid eligible child should have an oral examination at the eruption of the first primary tooth, no later than 12 months of age and semi-annual examinations thereafter. The periodicity schedule follows professional recommendations aimed at maximizing primary and secondary prevention of dental caries, by initiating proven preventive care prior to caries initiation and to identify and address early dental caries should it occur.

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) may be accessed through the main ODM web page, <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

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# Ohio Medicaid

## Dental Periodicity Schedule for Children Birth through Twenty Years

### Diagnostic and preventive dental examinations

Every Medicaid eligible child should have an oral examination at the eruption of the first primary tooth, no later than 12 months of age and semi-annual examinations thereafter\*.

\*Ohio Medicaid eligible children from birth through age twenty are eligible to receive a Medicaid covered dental examination every six months (including preventive, diagnostic and treatment services as medically necessary).