

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health
Medical Assistance Administration



Office of the Senior Deputy Director

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Dear Medicaid Beneficiary

I am writing to let you know about a new benefit you now have available through your Medicaid health insurance (also known as D.C. Healthy Families). As you know, your oral health can affect your overall health. If your teeth and gums are not healthy, you can experience many other health problems. In recognition of the importance of your oral health, Medicaid now provides a comprehensive dental benefit for all adults in the Medicaid program.

You are now eligible to access dental care through your D.C. Healthy Families/Medicaid benefits program. Your children (up to age 21) have always had this benefit and now you do also, including preventive visits twice a year, x-rays, cleanings, fillings and many other dental procedures. You have access to this benefit through the Medicaid Fee-For service program – not through your Managed Care Plan. Your dentist will bill Medicaid directly and you will not have to pay anything for your dental care.

The Medicaid staff and I want to encourage you to take advantage of your new benefit to improve your health. Please contact us at (202) 698-2000 to locate a Medicaid dentist to provide your dental care. You may also contact the Medicaid dental helpline (if you have any problems finding a dentist) on (202) 639-4030. Your Managed Care Organization can also advise you on how Medicaid will pay for this service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert T. Maruca".

Robert T. Maruca
Senior Deputy Director
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