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TO: Managed Care Organizations
Dental Providers

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SUBJECT: Adult Dental Expansion

NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Effective January 1, 2023, Maryland Medicaid will cover dental services for all Medicaid-eligible adults. This expansion of coverage will be available to those Medicaid beneficiaries age 21 and older who receive full Medicaid benefits.

The expansion will provide comprehensive services, including preventive, restorative, diagnostic, endodontics, periodontics, oral surgery, prosthodontics and emergency services to more than 600,000 adults. Covered services will match those offered to pregnant and postpartum women under Medicaid, including: oral exams, cleanings, X-rays, fillings, root canals, crowns, extractions, and anesthesia. Dental services are not subject to copayments or cost-sharing.

Participants who were part of the Adult Dental Pilot Program will transition into the new expanded adult benefit starting January 1, 2023. Additionally, participants who were in the Adult Dental Pilot Program will no longer be subjected to a yearly \$800 annual maximum on dental services. The Adult Dental Pilot Program will end December 31, 2022.

For more information about Medicaid coverage of dental services, visit <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/maryland-healthy-smiles-dental-program.aspx>.