Description of Dental Benefits Provided Under
Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
State: Mississippi

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The following information will identify the general categories of services available in your State. Please note that while a service may be available, you must consult with your dental provider to ensure that the service is medically necessary for your specific condition. For more specific information, please contact your State program.

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Medicaid Program

☐ Under the Medicaid State Plan dental benefits are provided to eligible individuals under the age of 21 in compliance with the requirements of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services.
State Program Name:

CHIP Program

☐ CHIP Medicaid Expansion Program ONLY, i.e., offering complete oral health services under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)
State Program Name:

X CHIP Stand-Alone/Separate Program ONLY
State Program Name:

- X Dental Services Provided through State-defined benefit package - **All services except accident related, ortho or inpatient/anesthesia required services apply to $1500 calendar year maximum**
- ☐ Benchmark Equivalent Program: Federal Employees Dental Program
  Name of:
- ☐ Optional Supplemental Dental Coverage for CHIP eligible children with private or group insurance

☐ CHIP Medicaid Expansion and Stand-Alone Program (dental services are as described above)
State Program Name:

If providing dental benefits other than as defined by EPSDT, States must complete the following:

CHIP Stand-Alone Program Dental Benefits

NOTE: Please identify any limits or other criteria using terms commonly recognized by individuals without extensive oral health terminology knowledge rather than using technical dental terminology. For example, use molar rather than posterior, or front versus anterior.

Schedule of Services

☐ State EPSDT definition
OR
X Nationally Recognized Standard
Name and Description: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Recommended Age for First Oral Health Examination:

Preventive Services:

X Cleanings

a. Recommended frequency: once every 6 months
b. Exceptions:

X Fluoride treatments
  a. Ages: no age specific
  b. Recommended frequency: once every 6 months
  c. Also provided by physicians: ☐
  d. Also provided by hygienists: ☐
  e. Exceptions:

X Sealants
  a. Ages: covered up to age 14
  b. Recommended frequency: every 36 months
  c. Exceptions:

X Oral hygiene instruction
  a. Ages:
  b. Recommended frequency: As needed

X Space Maintainers
  a. Limits: limited to permanent teeth through age 15
  b. Prior approval required: Y/N - NO

Diagnostic Services:

X Dental Examinations by Dentists
  a. Recommended age of first visit: approx 3 years of age
  b. Recommended frequency: once every 6 months
  c. Limits:

☐ Dental Screens and Other Services by Hygienists
  a. Recommended frequency:
  b. Limits:

X X-Rays
  a. Limits: as needed, but no more frequently than 24 months; bitewings – as needed but no more frequently than 6 months

Treatment Services:

X Fillings
  1. Silver amalgam: X
    a. Limits:
  2. Tooth colored composite: X
    a. Limits:

X Crowns/Tooth Caps
  1. Stainless steel crowns: X
    a. Limits:
    b. Prior approval required: ☐
  2. Metal (only) crowns X
    a. Limits:
    b. Prior approval required: ☐
  3. Metal/Porcelain crowns: X
    a. Limits: only for posterior teeth
    b. Prior approval required: ☐
  4. Porcelain (only): X
    a. Limits: only for posterior teeth
    b. Prior approval required: ☐

X Root Canals (endodontics)
  1. Root canals on baby teeth (Pulpotomies): ☐
    a. Limits:
    b. Prior approval required: ☐

2. Root canals on permanent teeth: X
  a. Limits:
  b. Prior approval required: ☐

X Gum (periodontal) Therapy
  a. Limits:

b. Prior approval required: ☐

☐ Dentures

1. Partial dentures: ☐
   a. Prior approval required: ☐
2. Complete dentures: ☐
   a. Prior approval required: ☐

X Retainers (orthodontic)

a. Limits: severe anomalies or Class III malocclusions

X Bridges

a. Limits:
b. Prior approval required: ☐

☐ Implants:

a. Criteria:

X Oral Surgery

1. Simple extractions: X
   a. Limits: as needed
   b. Prior approval required: ☐
2. Surgical extractions: X
   a. Limits: as needed
   b. Prior approval required: ☐
3. Care of abscesses: X
   a. Limits: as needed
   b. Prior approval required: ☐
4. Cleft palate treatment: X
   a. Limits:
   b. Prior approval required: ☐
5. Cancer treatment: X
   b. Limits:
   c. Prior approval required: ☐
6. Treatment of Fractures: X
   a. Limits:
   b. Prior approval required: ☐
7. Biopsies: X
   a. Limits:
   b. Prior approval required: ☐

X Treatment of Jaw Joint (TMJ)

a. Criteria: Lifetime max, $5000
b. Prior approval required: X

X Braces (Orthodontia)

a. Criteria: Severe anomalies or Class III malocclusions
b. Prior approval required: X
c. Payment if eligibility lost: ☐

X Emergency Room Services

a. Identify services:
b. Criteria:

X In-patient Hospital Services

a. Criteria:
b. Prior approval required: X

X Special Anesthesia

a. Criteria:
b. Prior approval required: X

Excluded Services

1. Identify services: