

Dental OPTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the Dental OPTIONS program help with dental emergencies?

No, Dental OPTIONS is not for emergencies. The program currently has a long waiting list in some areas of the state. If you have a dental emergency, contact a safety net dental clinic. To find a clinic in your area, go to: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/ohs/pap/find/Dental%20Safety%20Net%20Programs.aspx> (or copy and paste this Web address to the Internet browser) and click on Dental Safety Net Programs.

2. Which dental services do OPTIONS dentists provide?

The goal of Dental OPTIONS is to help people reach good oral health. Services may include exams, x-rays, cleanings, fillings, extractions, partials, dentures and care for gum disease. **Dental OPTIONS does not help with implants, bridges, adult braces or tooth whitening.**

3. How much will I have to pay for Dental OPTIONS?

The fees are based on your income and certain health conditions. This means that you will pay some money at the time of each service. If you apply, you must send proof of your income to show that you are able to pay the reduced fees to the program dentists. **People who have no income or resources (other money) should not apply.**

4. Can I apply for Dental OPTIONS if I am on Medicaid, Medicare or have dental insurance?

Medicaid – Dental OPTIONS is generally not for people who have Medicaid or are eligible for Medicaid if they applied. Call the Medicaid hotline, (800) 324-8680, to find out if you are eligible for Medicaid or to find a Medicaid participating dentist if you are already enrolled in Medicaid.

If you have Medicaid, Dental OPTIONS may be able to help you if you need -

- Orthodontic treatment for children (not adults)
- Dentures that are not covered under Medicaid
- Help because of a high Medicaid spend-down
- Periodontal treatment – in some cases

Medicare – Medicare does not cover routine dental treatment. You can apply for Dental OPTIONS. If you are covered by a Medicare HMO such as Medicare Advantage or a Medicare supplemental insurance plan, check with your Medicare plan to find out if any dental services are covered. When applying for Dental OPTIONS, you may be asked for documentation of your coverage.

Dental insurance – If you have dental insurance, contact your dental plan to find out about your benefits or to find a dentist. You are not eligible for Dental OPTIONS.

5. Can I apply for Dental OPTIONS if I'm currently unemployed?

If you receive unemployment checks or someone in your household can pay the fee, Dental OPTIONS may be able to help. Complete the application and send it with **proof of income for all family members**. If your unemployment expires within 30 days, you will not qualify for Dental OPTIONS.

6. How do I apply for Dental OPTIONS?

If, after reading this information, you think you are eligible for Dental OPTIONS, please complete the [application](#) and send it to the address at the top of the application form. Please **send proof of all family income**. If employed, send copies of your three (3) most recent paystubs. For other income, send copies of public assistance/benefit award or denial letters with your application.