# Early Smiles®

# Helping kids get an early start with their dental care

From the time that first tooth comes in, dental care can critically impact a child's overall health and well-being. In fact, it's recommended that kids go in for their first oral health checkup when their baby teeth first begin to emerge or by the time of their first birthday. That's why Guardian includes the Early Smiles benefit to help you save on dental care for your children while taking care of their health. This benefit provides 100% coverage for kids 12 years or younger. Now that's a reason to smile.

#### How does Early Smiles work?

- All Preventive, Basic and Major dental services are covered at 100% for children ages 12 and under.
- If orthodontic coverage is included on your plan, the orthodontic services will be covered at the orthodontic coinsurance amount.
- No deductible will apply benefits can be used right away.
- No waiting periods.
- Access to a large network of providers, including pediatric specialists.

### Did you know?

The most common chronic childhood disease is tooth decay. It can occur as early as six months of age and goes beyond pain and infection. It can affect speech and communication, eating, nutrition, sleeping, learning, playing and quality of life, even into adulthood. That's why Guardian is committed to helping our youngest members take care of their smiles.



#### It's easy to find a in-network provider

To find a dentist near you, visit **guardianlife.com** or download the Guardian Dental & Vision mobile app mobile app.



## **Early Smiles**

100% in-network coverage for kids 12 years of age and younger.

<u>Download our Mouth Matters coloring book</u> to encourage healthy smiles at all ages. Learn more about your Guardian dental plan from your employer.



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- 2 Oral Health Tips for Children, CDC Division of Oral Health, 2024

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