



TeethFIRST!

Creating healthy smiles for a lifetime.



Dental Insurance – The Basics

Families can get dental insurance in different ways.

Some families may get dental insurance through one or both of the parents' jobs. Families who don't have dental insurance offered through their jobs or can't afford it may qualify for RIte Smiles dental insurance that is offered for children through RIte Care.

Dental insurance may be linked together with your medical insurance in the same plan, or your dental insurance may be through a separate dental insurance plan.

To learn more about your dental insurance and for help in finding a dentist for your child, contact:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island

(800) 831-2400 www.bcbsri.com

Delta Dental of Rhode Island

(800) 843-3582 www.deltadentalri.com

RIte Smiles / RIte Care

UnitedHealthcare Dental/RIte Smiles Member Services

(866) 375-3257 www.dhs.ri.gov

If you have dental coverage that is not on this list, you can find the Customer Service number on the back of your insurance card.

If your child does not have dental coverage, you can get low cost or free care at dental centers throughout Rhode Island. You can find a list of dental centers that provide low cost or free care on the TeethFirst! website.

Tips on Dental Coverage

- Dental plans may cover different dental services. Check with your plan to see what your insurance will pay for and what your family may have to pay for separately.
- Dentists may accept your dental coverage, but may not be accepting new patients. Keep calling different dentists until you find one that will see your child. Your dental insurance plan can help you to find an available dentist.
- Families who are expecting a baby should plan to put their newborn on their dental insurance coverage soon after the baby is born. When you take your baby for a first dental visit after you see a first tooth, the insurance company will already have the baby listed as part of your family. This way, your insurance company will pay for the visit.

