

Enhanced Medicaid Dental Benefits for Adults Receiving Developmental Disabilities Services “Wavier” Funding

Starting July 1, 2023, Adults aged 21 and over who receive “Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) Wavier” funding have expanded dental benefits covered by Medicaid. The “DDS Waiver” is also known as DD Home and Community Based Services.

This change in coverage includes:

1. **No cap** – “Adult dental services are available without an annual cap on expenditures”. (Prior to 7/1/23, there was a 1,000 cap.)
2. **Dentures funded** – “There is coverage for medically necessary denture services.”
The dentist makes the determination that “full and partial dentures are based on restoration of function, ability to bite, ability to chew and ability to speak.”

It is important to let the dental provider know that a person qualifies for this coverage. Tell the dental provider the person is on the “DDS Waiver Program”. If the dental provider does not know about the extended benefits, they can look it up in their VT Medicaid Dental Supplement (section 2.1.3). It will instruct the dentist to use a CG modifier when billing Medicaid.

If a person is not sure if they meet the criteria, the dental provider can call Gainwell Provider Services at 800-925-1706 to see if the person qualifies.

This notice can be shown to a dental provider if they have questions.