



Dental Care for Out-of-Home Care children

The Victorian Government provides a dental service for vulnerable children in Victoria, including those in out-of-home care.

The following are eligible for public dental care:

- all children and young people in out-of-home care provided by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH), up to 18 years of age (including kinship and foster care)
- all children aged 0–12 years
- young people aged 13–17 years who hold a healthcare or pensioner concession card, or who are dependants of concession card holders
- people aged 18 years and over, who are health care or pensioner concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders
- all people in youth justice custodial care
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- all refugees and asylum seekers.

Australian Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Victorians can also access dental services through the Australian Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The schedule started on 1 January 2014. It provides up to \$1,095 in dental benefits over 2 years for children aged from 0 to 17 years in families that are:

- eligible for Medicare; and
- receive an eligible Australian government payment.

Access by public providers to the schedule is confirmed until 31 December 2026.

Services Australia has more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule here:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-dental-benefits-schedule>

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<https://monashhealth.org/services/dental-community/dental-care-for-out-of-home-care-children/>

Access to Victoria's public dental care services

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/dental-health/access-to-victorias-public-dental-care-services>