



Gum Disease and Pregnancy

Combat common mouth infections found in a majority of pregnant women.

Periodontal disease is easy to reverse

Periodontal disease, also known as gum disease, is an infection of the tissues that hold your teeth in place. It is typically caused by plaque—a sticky film of bacteria—that builds up on the teeth and hardens if you are not brushing and flossing properly. In advanced stages, periodontal disease can lead to sore, bleeding gums, painful chewing problems and even tooth loss.¹ These infections can also be a risk to the health of your baby.

Pregnancy gingivitis

Gingivitis is a mild form of gum disease. Sometimes your mouth can be affected by hormonal changes during pregnancy and cause pregnancy gingivitis. This is an inflammation of the gums that can cause swelling and tenderness. Left untreated, gingivitis can lead to worse forms of gum disease.²

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Are you at risk?

Many people may not have symptoms until the disease is at the worst stage. Signs to look for are:

- Red and swollen gums
- Bleeding gums while brushing or flossing
- Loose or separating teeth
- Bad breath

Talk to your dentist about the risks of periodontal disease.

Prevention is easy

The good news is mild periodontal disease can be prevented with dental care and a good, daily oral routine. Ways to prevent periodontal disease include:

- Brush after each meal
- Floss at least once a day
- Eat a healthy diet
- Do not eat sticky, sugary snacks
- Visit your dentist routinely
- Do not use tobacco products

Pregnancy and welcoming a newborn baby are exciting times in your life. It is also a time to focus on dental care.

How do members enroll in dental services?

Blue Cross Community Health Plans members should use DentaQuest® providers for dental services. You do not need an OK from your doctor for dental services.

To find an in-network dental provider, you can:

- Call DentaQuest at **1-888-291-3763**.
- Call Member Services at **1-877-860-2837** (TTY/TTD: **711**).
- Visit our website at <http://www.bcchpil.com>.

Which services are covered by the dental plan?

The plan covers:

- Oral exams
- Teeth cleanings
- Fillings
- Crowns
- Some root canals
- Some dentures
- Some oral surgeries
- Some emergency dental services
- Fluoride treatments for children
- Extractions

Some limits apply.

Eligible pregnant members can get these dental services:

- Periodic oral exams
- Deep teeth cleanings
- Periodontal work

For members with special needs, we cover practice visits to the dentist.

Which services are not covered by the dental plan?

Some services are not covered such as:

- Cosmetic dentistry
- Tooth bleaching and whitening
- Implants

For more information about your benefits, contact Member Services or read the BCCHPSM Member Handbook. Limitations and restrictions may apply.

¹National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

²American Dental Association

DentaQuest is an independent company that provides dental benefits for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois.

If you have any questions, please call Member Services at 1-877-860-2837 (TTY/TTD: 711). We are available 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

Illinois Client Enrollment Services will send you information about your health plan choices when it is time for you to make a health plan choice and during your Open Enrollment period.

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Attn: Office of Civil Rights Coordinator	TTY/TDD:	1-855-661-6965
300 E. Randolph St., 35th Floor	Fax:	1-855-661-6960
Chicago, IL 60601	Email:	civilrightscoordinator@bcbsil.com

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the Office of Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

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US Dept of Health & Human Services	Phone:	1-800-368-1019
200 Independence Avenue SW	TTY/TDD:	1-800-537-7697
Room 509F, HHH Building	Complaint Portal:	https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/smartscreen/main.jsf
Washington, DC 20201	Complaint Forms:	https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/index.html

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Español Spanish	ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. También están disponibles de forma gratuita ayuda y servicios auxiliares apropiados para proporcionar información en formatos accesibles. Llame al 1-877-860-2837 (TTY: 711) o hable con su proveedor.
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Deutsch German	ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlose Sprachassistentendienste zur Verfügung. Entsprechende Hilfsmittel und Dienste zur Bereitstellung von Informationen in barrierefreien Formaten stehen ebenfalls kostenlos zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie 1-877-860-2837 (TTY: 711) an oder sprechen Sie mit Ihrem Provider.
ગુજરાતી Gujarati	ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી બોલતા હો તો મફત ભાષાકીય સહાયતા સેવાઓ તમારા માટે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. યોગ્ય ઓક્સિડેલરી સહાય અને એક્સેસિબલ ફોર્મેટમાં માહિતી પૂરી પાડવા માટેની સેવાઓ પણ વિના મૂલ્યે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. 1-877-860-2837 (TTY: 711) પર કોલ કરો અથવા તમારા પ્રદાતા સાથે વાત કરો.
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