

# UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Indiana

## Clinical Practice Guidelines for Dental Care

### Our Position:

Poor dental hygiene and care can lead to gum disease, heart disease and other health conditions such as stroke. A lack of education around diet, smoking, flossing and brushing and seeing a dentist regularly negatively impacts the outcomes for the members and their families. Regular dental care to promote optimum oral health is our goal for all our members. <sup>i</sup>

### Our Goal:

Support our providers with tools and assistance for understanding the importance of a member's good oral health.

[IN Oral Health Data: Explore | Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

### Indiana Resources:

[Dental Provider Manual - UHC Community Plan of Indiana Hoosier Care Connect \(HCC\) and PathWays for Aging \(PWA\)](#)

[Dental Provider Quick Reference - UHC Community Plan of Indiana Hoosier Care Connect \(HCC\)](#)

[Dental Provider Quick Reference - UHC Community Plan of Indiana PathWays for Aging \(PWA\)](#)

[ISDH Oral Metrics - Indiana](#)

### Tobacco Cessation:

<https://www.quitnowindiana.com/providers>

### National Resources:

[Clinical Practice Guidelines and Evidence | American Dental Association \(ADA\)](#)

[Oral Health Policies and Recommendations | American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry \(AAPD\)](#)

[Pediatric Oral Health | American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)

["Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents", Book | American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)

[Oral and Oropharyngeal Cancer Information | American Cancer Society \(ACA\)](#)

[Head and Neck Cancers - Health Professional Version | National Cancer Institute \(NCI\)](#)

[Dentist Oral Health Campaign Toolkit to Engage Parents | American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)

### How We Reward Efforts:

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Indiana rewards members for completing an annual dental visit by offering a \$25 gift card annually. We reward dentists in counties where members especially need dental care.

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<sup>i</sup> [How oral health may affect your heart, brain and risk of death \(AHA\)](#)