

Nova Scotia's MSI Children's Oral Health Program

Begin dental care early. Children should begin regular dental visits by their first birthday.

MSI covers basic dental care for children from birth up to the end of the month in which they turn 15.

If your children are covered by a private dental plan, and if the costs for basic dental services and treatments are not completely covered, MSI may pay a portion that you would normally pay (see the following list).

Once a year, the MSI Children's Oral Health Program covers:

- One dental recall examination
- One fluoride treatment
- Two x-rays
- Fillings
- One other preventive service—for example, brushing and flossing instruction, and/or cleaning

As well, MSI covers **sealant application** on permanent molars.

A sealant is a clear or shaded plastic that your dentist, dental hygienist or dental assistant puts on the chewing surfaces of back teeth—molars, to prevent cavities. This is where decay happens most often.

In some cases, MSI also covers a second **fluoride treatment**. Check with your dental office to see if your child qualifies for a second fluoride treatment paid for by MSI.

For more information about the MSI Children's Oral Health Program:

- Talk to your dentist or dental hygienist
- Call 1-888-711-1119 (toll free)
- Visit novascotia.ca/dhw/children-dental/

