



In School Dental

WHY IS MY CHILD NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FREE DENTAL SERVICES UNDER THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE?

The eligibility for the Free Dental Service is administered by the Department of Human Services – Medicare.

Medicare advise In School Dental who is eligible, we do not make the determination.

Below is an excerpt from the Child Dental Benefits Schedule Guidelines.

Which children are eligible for the dental services?

The Department of Human Services assess a child's eligibility from the start of each calendar year.

A child is eligible if they are eligible for Medicare, aged 2-17 and receive a relevant Australia Government payment, such as Family Tax Benefit Part A at any point in the calendar year.

If eligible a notification is sent to the child or the child's parent/guardian either electronically, or by post.

Routine checks are performed throughout the year to determine newly eligible children. Most children will be notified of their eligibility at the beginning of the year.

How long does eligibility last?

Once a child has been assessed as eligible, they are eligible for that entire calendar year – even if they turn 18 or stop receiving the relevant government payment. However, they must be eligible for Medicare on the day the service is provided.