

## **0350**                    **RITE SMILES DENTAL PLAN**

### **0350.05**                **Program Overview**

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The Rite Smiles Program is a statewide dental benefits managed care delivery system established under a 1915(b) waiver. The program's goal is to improve access to oral health services for Rhode Island children who receive Medical Assistance. Emphasis is placed on preventive and primary care dental services and education.

Children born on or after May 1, 2000 who are receiving dental benefits through Medical Assistance are enrolled in a Rite Smiles dental plan. The Department of Human Services (DHS) contracts with one or more dental plans to provide oral health services to these MA eligible children.

### **0350.10**                **Legal Authority**

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Title XIX of the Social Security Act provides the legal authority for the Medical Assistance Program. Rite Smiles Program operates under a waiver under the authority of Section 1915(b) of the Social Security Act.

### **0350.15**                **Coverage Groups**

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Participation in the Rite Smiles Program is mandatory for all children in the following populations who were born on or after May 1, 2000 and who are receiving Medical Assistance:

1. Section 1931 Children and Related Populations  
(Including Poverty Level Groups and Family Independence  
Program Cash Recipients)
2. Blind and/or Disabled Children
3. Foster Care Children who are receiving foster care or  
adoption subsidy assistance (Title IV-E), are in foster  
care, or are otherwise in an out-of-home placement.
4. Section 1115 Waiver Children.

### **0350.20**                **Excluded Coverage Groups**

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The following groups are excluded from participation in the Rite Smiles Program:

1. Children born on or before April 30, 2000;

2. Children who have access to third party dental benefits;
3. Children who reside in Nursing Facilities (NF) or Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR).
4. Children who reside outside of the State of Rhode Island.

Those children who are not eligible to participate in the Rite Smiles Program receive dental benefit coverage under the Fee For Service System.

### **0350.25            Retroactive Eligibility**

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If a member is eligible for retroactive eligibility, the dental plan does not provide coverage to Medical Assistance beneficiaries during the period of retroactive eligibility.

### **0350.30            Enrollment Process**

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All children determined eligible for Medical Assistance starting May 1, 2006 who were born on or after May 1, 2000 must enroll in a Rite Smiles Program dental plan. The parent(s) or guardian(s) of the eligible children may have a choice of dental plans, if more than one plan is available, in which to enroll.

The enrollment process insures that applicants/beneficiaries are provided with sufficient information (if a choice of dental plan is available) in order to make an informed choice when deciding upon which Rite Smiles plan to chose.

### **0350.35            Voluntary Selection of a Dental Plan**

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Effective May 1, 2006, newly eligible children for Rite Care, Rite Share, or fee-for-service MA will be given a choice of Rite Smiles plans on their application for Medical Assistance (MARC-1 application or the DHS-2).

### **0350.45            Auto Re-Enrollment Following Resum of Elig**

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Members of Medical Assistance families who are disenrolled from a dental plan due to loss of eligibility are automatically re-enrolled, or assigned, into the same plan should they regain eligibility within sixty (60) calendar days. If more than sixty (60) days have elapsed, the family is permitted to select a plan from those open for enrollment at that time.

## **0350.50 Rite Smiles Lock-In**

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After initial enrollment into a Rite Smiles plan, enrollees are restricted to that dental plan until the next open enrollment period, unless disenrolled under one (1) of the conditions described below:

- o Loss of Medical Assistance eligibility including for non-payment of applicable premium shares for Rite Care or Rite Share;
- o Selection of another dental plan during open enrollment, if another plan exists;
- o Death;
- o Relocation out-of-state;
- o Adjudicative actions;
- o Change of eligibility status;
- o Eligibility determination error;
- o As the result of a formal grievance filed by the member against the dental plan or by the dental plan against the member;
- o Just cause (as determined by the State).

## **0350.55 Open Enrollment**

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During open enrollment members have an opportunity to change Rite Smiles dental plans, if more than one dental plan is available.

## **0350.60 Voluntary Disenrollment**

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Rite Smiles members seeking disenrollment during the lock-in period must first file a formal appeal pursuant to grievance and appeal procedures with the dental plan (with the exception that members are permitted to disenroll without cause during the ninety (90) days following the effective date of the individual's initial enrollment, if more than one dental plan is available).

Disenrollment can only be ordered by CCFH after administrative review of the facts of the case. In order for disenrollment to occur, CCFH must first find in favor of the member, and then determine that the appropriate resolution to the member's complaint is the member's disenrollment.

**0350.65****Member Disenrollment**

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Unless the member's continued enrollment in the dental plan seriously impairs the dental plan's ability to furnish services to either the particular member or other members, a Rite Smiles dental plan may not request disenrollment of a member because of:

- O An adverse change in the member's health status;
- O The member's utilization of medical services; or,
- O Uncooperative or disruptive behavior resulting from the member's special needs.

All disenrollments are subject to approval by the DHS/CCFH.