



Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) New Program Highlight: Dental Services in an Ambulatory Surgical Center and Scheduled Outpatient Hospital Settings

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) contracts with health and dental plans to provide Medicaid services to health plan enrollees. The Agency recently entered into new contracts with health and dental plans that will greatly benefit enrollees and providers. This document is part of a series that highlights the program changes in the new Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) health and dental plan contracts. [Under the new contracts, dental plans will now be responsible for reimbursing outpatient dental services performed in an Ambulatory Surgical Center \(ASC\) and other outpatient settings.](#)

The Agency will transition to the new contracts in February of 2025. The plans will operate in 9 Regions throughout the state.

Region	Counties
A	Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington
B	Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Lafayette, Lake, Levy, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Union, and Volusia
C	Pasco and Pinellas
D	Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Polk
E	Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole
F	Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota
G	Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie
H	Broward
I	Miami-Dade and Monroe

Florida Medicaid has programs called the Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) and Dental programs. These programs provide Medicaid state plan services, such as physician care, outpatient hospital care, and dental services to enrollees through a managed care plan.

Florida Medicaid reimburses for ASC services and scheduled outpatient hospital services providing preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or palliative items or services furnished by or under the direction of a physician or dentist. ASC services and scheduled outpatient hospital services rendered to enrollees are reimbursed by Florida Medicaid through either the managed care or fee-for-service delivery systems.

Dental Plan Coverage of Ambulatory Surgical Center and Scheduled Outpatient Hospital Services

Beginning February 2025, under the new contracts, dental plans will be responsible for reimbursing for sedation dentistry services performed in an ASC. This includes reimbursing local dentists with hospital privileges performing services in an ASC setting as well as sedation dentistry services referred to an ASC and performed by the facility. Reimbursement includes payments to the facility and for ancillary services.

Dental plans will also be responsible for reimbursement of anesthesiologist services rendered (MD, DO, APRN, and CRNA), including any anesthesiology services provided in an office setting when medically necessary.

NOTE: Surgery to correct cleft lip and cleft palette in ambulatory facilities and their associated, billable costs will continue to be reimbursed through the enrollee’s MMA plan for enrollees in managed care or the fee schedule for enrollees in fee-for-service.

Dental Plan vs MMA Plan Coverage of Services in SMMC 3.0

Provider	Setting	Sedation?	Dental Coverage?	MMA Coverage?
Dentist (DMD/DDS)	Office	Yes	✓	
Dentist (DMD/DDS)	Office, County Health Department or FQHC	No	✓	
Dentist (DMD/DDS)	ASC	Yes	✓	
Dentist (DMD/DDS)	ASC	No	✓	
Dentist (DMD/DDS)	Outpatient Setting	Yes	✓	
Surgeon (MD/DO)	ASC	Yes		✓
Physician (MD/DO)	Outpatient Setting	No		✓
Non-Dental Provider	Office, County Health Department or FQHC	No		✓

What are Ambulatory Surgical Center services?

In Florida Medicaid, ASC services provide outpatient surgical services to recipients not requiring hospitalization. Florida Medicaid covers services provided in an ASC for items and services ordinarily furnished for the purpose of performing surgery.

Next Steps for Providers and Recipients

Providers	To be reimbursed for services for recipients enrolled in a SMMC and Dental plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providers must contract with the recipient's SMMC and Dental plan. Claims (encounters) will be submitted to recipients' SMMC and Dental plan. Providers will be reimbursed by recipients' SMMC and Dental plan.
Recipients	To ensure your care continues to be reimbursed by Florida Medicaid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipients should confirm that their provider is enrolled in their SMMC/Dental plan. If the recipient's provider is not enrolled in their plan, they should contact the plan to identify enrolled providers.