Dental Referral Pathways for Children

SA Dental

Government of South Australia

Oral health assessment by non-dental professionals

Healthy teeth

First dental check-up at 12-18 months

Tooth decay

Refer for dental check-up

Emergency dental care

- Facial swelling
- Uncontrollable dental pain
- Uncontrollable dental bleeding
- Significant trauma to teeth and/or jaw

Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)

Children up to 18 years of age in families eligible for **Family Tax A**

Public dental care

Eligibility
Dental care is free for all children not yet at school
No out-of-pocket costs for all children eligible for the CDBS
A small annual fee is charged each year for children not covered by the CDBS

SA Dental Child Services
Direct parents/carers to make an appointment at a clinic of their choice or request an appointment online:
www.dental.sa.gov.au/kids/request-an-appointment

SA Dental Child Programs
Aboriginal Oral Health Program (HealthSADSAOHP@sa.gov.au)
Lift the Lip Program (HealthSADSHealthPromotion@sa.gov.au)

Private dental care

Eligibility
Most clinics have no out-of-pocket costs for children eligible for the CDBS
Fees charged for children not covered by the CDBS

Private Dentist
Contact preferred dentist for an appointment:
(www.ada.org.au/Find-a-Dentist)

Emergency treatment options

Business Hours
Contact Public or Private dental care provider (see eligibility criteria)

After Hours
Call HealthDirect (Ph: 1300 022 222) or
Direct parent/carer to take child to nearest public hospital emergency unit
Medical practitioners liaise with Women's and Children's Paediatric Emergency Dept. Ph: 8161 7000 (switchboard)