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The dental programs are governed by regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations 42CFR 440.40 and 42CFR 440.50 which describe the services including the required services for children under the age of 21.

The Louisiana Medicaid Dental Services include the following programs:

- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Dental
- Adult Denture
- Expanded Dental Services for Pregnant Women (EDSPW)

Providers are not allowed to provide services to a Medicaid recipient beyond the intent of Medicaid guidelines, limitations and/or policies for the purpose of maximizing payments or circumventing Medicaid guidelines, limitations and/or policies. If this practice is detected, Medicaid will apply sanctions.

The fiscal intermediary (FI) provider relations staff can answer questions regarding policy and claims processing (see Appendix K for contact information). LSU School of Dentistry, Medicaid Prior Authorization Unit, under contract to the Bureau, provides dental prior authorization services and consultation on dental policy on behalf of the Bureau.