

Oral Health During Pregnancy in Illinois

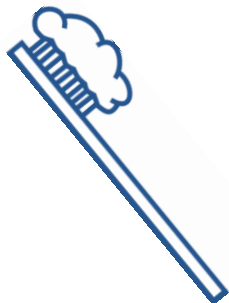
Good oral health during pregnancy is critical for the health of both the woman and baby

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists:
Dental care during pregnancy is safe and reduces the risk of poor outcomes

Gum disease during pregnancy is related to **increased risk** of low birth weight and prematurity for babies



Fewer than half of Illinois women had their teeth cleaned during pregnancy



Pregnant women are **20% less likely** to have a dental problem if their teeth were cleaned before or during pregnancy

Women are **two times more likely** to get their teeth cleaned during pregnancy if they have dental insurance



Illinois women are less likely to have their teeth cleaned before or during pregnancy if they:



Are women of color



Are younger than 35 years old



Have a high school degree or less



Have more than 2 children



Are not married



Have too few prenatal care visits



Are Insured by Medicaid



Smoke cigarettes

Questions?
Contact the Illinois Department of Public Health

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Illinois Medicaid covers dental care during pregnancy, including teeth cleaning and visits for any problems, but there are **major differences in access** between women covered by Medicaid and women who are privately insured.

Medicaid-Enrolled Women



Got teeth cleaned *before* pregnancy



Got teeth cleaned *during* pregnancy



Went to a dentist when they had a dental problem

Privately Insured Women



Resources

Need Help Finding a Dentist?

To Find a Listing of Dentists Near You, Visit:

www.isds.org/for-the-public/find-a-dentist

For Illinois Medicaid Members:

Managed Care Members:

Contact the phone number on your membership card

All Others:

Visit: dentaquest.com/find-a-dentist-gov/

Or Call DentaQuest: 1-888-286-2447

More Information:

American Dental Association
Information for Pregnant Women

<http://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/pregnancy>

Safety of Oral Health Care During Pregnancy:

www.acog.org/About-ACOG/News-Room/News-Releases/2013/Dental-X-Rays-Teeth-Cleanings-Safe-During-Pregnancy

Dental Services Covered By Illinois Medicaid

www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalClients/dental/Pages/AdultDental.aspx

About the Data

Source: Illinois Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Survey (PRAMS), 2012-2014
PRAMS is a mail and phone survey of new moms that is completed 3-4 months after giving birth.
All data are self-reported. PRAMS is weighted to be representative of all Illinois new mothers.

Learn more at: www.dph.illinois.gov/data-statistics/prams

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