

What Is OED?

Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (OED) is a healthcare measure that tracks the percentage of persons under 21 years of age who receive a yearly comprehensive or periodic oral evaluation with a dental provider.

Why Is This Important?

Regular dental check-ups are essential to maintaining oral health, especially in kids and teens.

- Yearly dental visits allow for the early detection of issues like cavities, gum disease, or bite problems.
- Regular check-ups help monitor the development of your child's teeth and oral structures, allowing dental providers to address problems before they become more serious.
- Annual visits offer an opportunity for personalized education on proper brushing, flossing, and nutrition. This helps your child establish healthy habits that can last a lifetime.



Key Takeaways

- Schedule your child's first dental exam by their first birthday or when their first tooth erupts — whichever happens sooner.
- Continue regular dental visits based on your child's needs and dentist's recommendations.
- Keep your dental coverage active throughout the year.



**Dental health impacts more than just your mouth.
Schedule a visit today and take charge of your child's whole health.**