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# HELPING TAKE CARE OF YOUR PEARLY WHITES

Caring for your smile shouldn't be a pain in the...tooth. Take the frustration out of finding the right dentist with this helpful information about which type of dental professional you should see and use Cigna's online provider to search to find in-network coverage in just a few clicks.

## Dental Hygienist

Trained and licensed to assess gum and oral health, clean and polish teeth, perform non-surgical treatment of gum disease, provide patients with preventive and homecare information; usually works with general and pediatric dentists and periodontists.

## Dental Therapist

May provide a range of basic dental care for adults and children, including preventive and therapeutic services; must have special training and licensure, will refer patients to the dentist for care that is beyond their training.

## Denturist

Trained and licensed to provide denture services, including exam, construction, fitting, adjustment, and repair of complete and removable partial dentures.

## Endodontist

Treats problems associated with the roots of the teeth using root canal procedures.

## General Dentist

Provides a wide range of dental care for adults and children.

## Oral Surgeon

Performs surgery on the teeth, gums, and jaw to treat or correct disorders, diseases, and trauma to the mouth; including removing wisdom teeth. Sometimes called an oral maxillofacial surgeon.

## Orthodontist

Uses wires and braces, retainers, and other devices to straighten crooked teeth and correct jaw and bite alignment.

## Pediatric Dentist

Provides general dental care for children and teens.

## Periodontist

Treats diseases and problems of the gums, including gum disease, receding gums, etc.

## Prosthodontist

Treats and corrects missing teeth using dental implants, dentures, crowns, and some cosmetic procedures.



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