



WILL MY CHILD QUALIFY FOR THE STATE ORTHODONTIC PROGRAM?

The Severe Malocclusion Program will cover eligible children in need of orthodontic treatment. Eligibility is dependent upon medical necessity. This program is designed to meet the orthodontic needs of children with severe handicapping conditions which clearly impact physical function rather than those children who have simple crowding or alignment problems.

There are several types of congenital craniofacial anomalies which severely affect dental occlusion and function. The most common of these is cleft lip/cleft palate. Nearly all of these children will require comprehensive orthodontic treatment as part of their overall rehabilitation.

There are also conditions that will be considered for approval based on severity and if they are causing problems with the physical function of eating, breathing, and/or speaking.

The State's Guidelines allow for your dentist to refer your child to the state program if they meet at least one of the following conditions:

- Cleft lip/Cleft palate anomalies
- Deep overbite where multiple teeth are impinging upon the soft tissue of the palate
- Overjet greater than 10mm
- Complete anterior crossbite
- Or a minimum score of 30 points on the Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation Index (HLD)
- Child must also be completely cavity free for at least 12 months, recent cleaning within 6 months and have a referral from the Dentist

A final determination will be made by the State and can take up to two months for the decision to be complete.