



Caring for Patients with Special Healthcare Needs (SHCN)

Sensi-Dentistry™

Sometimes, children with special healthcare needs (SHCN) can be challenging to treat due to sensory issues and anxiety. That's why Guardian created Sensi-Dentistry, a program that makes going to the dentist easier for kids and their families.



Guardian can help these members in two important ways:

1 Dentist Meeting and Office Visit

Sensi-Dentistry lets kids with SHCN meet their dentist before the exam visit. They'll get a feel for the office and will learn what will happen during their appointment. This extra visit may contribute to a feeling of ease when they get their teeth checked.

It also gives the dentist the chance to provide better care by getting to know the child first.

Best of all: this extra visit to the dentist is free for our members.

2 Extra Exam Time

Children with SHCN may have issues that cause the exam to take a little longer. That's why Sensi-Dentistry can give the dentist plenty of time to take the best care of our young members' teeth—and our young members.

Desensitization: A Method that Works

Studies show that children with SHCN are often at higher risk for periodontal disease, thanks partially to behavioral issues that limit care access. But desensitization—combined with provider training—gives the young patient a greater opportunity to get used to doctors and procedures.¹

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