

Do I Qualify?

You **must** meet the following criteria to participate in the SSDS program:

- You must be a resident of Multnomah County.
- You must be 65 years of age, or older.
- Your income must be less than \$1,140 per month as an individual, or less than \$1,537 per month in a family of two.
- You must be without dental insurance.
- You must be willing and able to pay your portion of the dentist's fees.
- You need to pay a \$35 fee to the Multnomah Dental Society to enroll in the Senior Smile program.
- You must provide proof of income by sending your latest Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA 1099) OR copies of tax returns for the previous two years.
- On your first visit to your new Senior Smile dentist, you are expected to pay for your portion at the time of service. After that, you may discuss financial payment plans with your dentist.
- If you wish to continue participating in the program after the initial year, you will need to renew your membership. There will be a renewal fee for each year you renew. You will receive a form in the mail as a reminder.

Applicant Check-List

This check-list is intended as a guide to help expedite the membership enrollment process.

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- Review the program requirements to make sure you qualify.
- Read and agree to uphold your responsibilities as a patient participating in the Senior Smile program.
- Detach and complete the application form.
- Include proof of income – the most common proof of income is in the form of Social Security Statements (Form SSA 1099) or tax returns from the past two years.
- Enclose a \$35.00 check or money order for your initial enrollment fee. This fee covers your membership dues for one full year.
- Submit your application – mail your application in the envelope provided, along with your proof of income and enrollment fee. If you have misplaced the envelope, please send your application to:

Senior Smile Dental Service
8699 SW Sun Pl.
Wilsonville, OR 97070

As always, please do not hesitate to call if you have questions about the application process or the Senior Smile program. Our number is:

503-513-5010

Senior Smile
DENTAL SERVICE



Providing
Dental Care
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Low-income
Multnomah
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Since 1979

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Senior Smile

DENTAL SERVICE

Name: _____ Mr. Ms.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____

Total Monthly Income: \$ _____

(Be sure to include any pensions, interest from bank accounts, rental property, and all other earnings supplementing your income.)

Check one: Individual Family 2 or more.

Have you ever been a SSDS member?

Yes No If yes, when: _____

Do you currently have a dentist? Yes No

If yes, what is his/her name? _____

What kind of dental work do you need?

In case of an emergency, who may we contact?

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

For Office Use Only

Received: _____

Check #: _____

Expires: _____

Assigned Dr. _____

What is the Senior Smile Dental Service?

The Senior Smile Dental Service is a community service program providing low-income, uninsured senior citizens living in Multnomah County with affordable dental care.

Through SSDS, participating Multnomah Dental Society members agree to offer treatment to qualified patients at a 50% reduction in normal rates, with the exception of lab fees, which are charged in full. Sponsored by MDS since 1979, this community service program has provided over \$1,000,000 in routine and specialty treatment to over 4,000 residents.

Our goal is to help those seniors who would otherwise have no means of affording professional dental care.

How Does the Senior Smile Program Work?

Once an individual has qualified for the program and been made a member, the patient is assigned to a participating dentist. Efforts are made to match the patient with a dentist located near their residence.

The patient will receive an eligibility card, along with the name, address and phone number of the dentist they are assigned to.

It is the patient's responsibility to contact the dental office to make an appointment. The eligibility card must be presented at each office visit. All follow up visits for treatment and annual check-ups are scheduled through the dental office.

What are Your Member Responsibilities?

You must pay the dentist directly for services he or she performs.

Some dentists are willing to establish payment plans. You should discuss this with your assigned dentist during your initial appointment, if this interests you.

You must first obtain a referral from your general dentist before seeing a specialist.

You must contact the Multnomah Dental Society if you wish to change dentists.

As a patient, you must notify the dental office prior to the scheduled appointment if you need to cancel. Multnomah Dental Society does not need to be notified.

If you miss two appointments without calling the dental office, you will be dismissed from the program.

Please note that you may be required to furnish additional information to establish your financial eligibility.

You will be responsible for the full amount of any lab fees deemed necessary for your treatment (i.e. dentures, crowns, and bridges). Ask your dentist for an estimate in advance so you are prepared.

The participating dentist, the Senior Smile Dental Service program or the Multnomah Dental Society may immediately terminate the relationship with the patient if any of the above guidelines are not met.

Membership Application