

# Molar Sealants Prevent Cavities

Unprotected tooth without sealant



Food and bacteria can become stuck in teeth

Sealant is placed



Placing sealants is painless and takes only a few minutes

Protected tooth with sealant



Tooth is protected from cavities

**Sealed teeth are protected teeth.**  
Medi-Cal Dental covers molar sealants for children and teens up to age 21.



Sealants reduce cavities by **80%\***

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\*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/dental-sealants/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/dental-sealants/index.html)