



## DONATED ORTHODONTIC SERVICES New Jersey Patient Eligibility Guidelines

1. Patient must be a resident of the State of New Jersey.
2. Patient must not currently be in braces or in between phases of treatment.
3. Patient must have an obvious need for orthodontic treatment significantly affecting dental esthetics or function.
4. Patient must be between the ages of 7-18; adults will be considered under special circumstances.
5. Program applicant must be a patient of record of a family dentist, pediatric dentist or clinic.
6. Patient must exhibit and maintain good oral health as determined by the dentist of record.
7. Patient or guardian must be willing to adhere to Donated Orthodontic Service rules; the patient must:
  - a. Have regular dental visits during the course of orthodontic treatment;
  - b. Maintain good oral hygiene;
  - c. Keep all regularly scheduled appointments.
  - d. Take proper care of all orthodontic appliances;
  - e. Comply with all instructions given by the orthodontist
8. Patient or guardian must submit their most recent federal (and state if applicable) tax returns to the AAO DOS patient coordinator for income verification. (Below the 200% Federal Poverty Level).
9. Patient and parent/guardian must participate in all orthodontic screening and/or interview appointments. (Both the orthodontist and participating family must be comfortable with each other).
10. Dentist of record must complete and forward an orthodontic referral form to patient coordinator (Standard orthodontic referral slip may be used).
11. Patient must be ineligible for orthodontic treatment through insurance or public aid. (Medicaid / NJ Kidcare is not accepted by many orthodontists, therefore, making access to care difficult in some localities. Also, the state programs use an index handicapping system which denies treatment to patients who would otherwise benefit from orthodontic treatment.)

**PLEASE NOTE: A \$200 one-time processing fee is due once the patient has been processed and accepted by the treating orthodontist.**