

Government Funded Dental Programs in Ontario



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Children & Youth (17 years & younger)	Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) Program Core Stream	<p>Children whose family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live in Ontario Meet the net income cut off (see website for details) <p>You will automatically get a HSO Dental Card if your family receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario Works* Temporary Care Assistance Ontario Disability Support Program Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities <p>*First Nations households on Ontario Works must apply for Healthy Smiles Ontario.</p>	<p>Healthy Smiles Ontario Card issued. Coverage includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> check-ups, cleaning, fillings (for a cavity), x-rays, having a tooth pulled, relief of pain <p>Services not covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> teeth whitening braces 	<p>You can apply to the program online or by mail.</p> <p>You must wait to be approved for the program. Then you will receive a Healthy Smiles Ontario dental card in the mail for each child.</p> <p>To complete the online application the family needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child(ren)'s date(s) of birth A valid Ontario address Parent's Social Insurance Number (SIN) or Temporary Taxation Number (TTN) Taxes must be filed for the previous year, or a Guarantor must sign your application 	<p>For more information visit: https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-dental-care</p> <p>Contact Service Ontario INFOline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For questions To update account information To replace dental card(s) <p>Toll-free: 1-844-296-6306 TTY toll-free: 1-800-387-5559 416-327-4282 (TTY Toronto only)</p>
	Preventive Services Only Stream	<p>Children whose family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live in Ontario Have a clinical need Cannot afford to pay for dental care 	<p>There is no Healthy Smiles Ontario card needed. Preventive services are based on individual need and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fluoride Pit and Fissure Sealant (PFS) Scaling and/or polish Temporary filling to relieve pain 	<p>Public Health Units will screen children for both dental and financial needs.</p>	<p>Contact your local health unit for more information</p> <p>http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/dental/hso_phu.aspx</p>

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Children & Youth (17 years & younger)	HSO Program Emergency and Essential Services Stream	<p>Children whose family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live in Ontario • Have a clinical need • Cannot afford to pay for dental care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Smiles Ontario Card issued by mail. • The card will be valid for 12 months from their date of enrollment. • Clients must re-apply at the end of 12 months to determine if they're still eligible. • Same as the Healthy Smiles Ontario – Core program. 	<p>Public Health Units will screen children for both dental and financial needs.</p> <p>In an emergency a dental office who accepts the Healthy Smiles Ontario program can provide direct enrollment. Dental provider will complete the Emergency and Essential Services Application form.</p>	<p>Contact your local health unit for more information</p> <p>http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/dental/hso_phu.aspx</p> <p>Information for Professionals http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/dental/default.aspx</p>
	The Ontario Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program	<p>Children can be part of the program if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live in Ontario • Have a OHIP card • Have a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a cleft lip and/or palate, • a craniofacial anomaly • or other severe dental dysfunction, 	<p>This program covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 75% of cost not covered by private dental insurance. • treatment must be pre-approved • special dental care directly related to the cleft lip and/or palate <p>The program will not cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular dental check-ups, • Long-term follow-up care. 	<p>A screening must be done at one of the designated centres. (please visit website to find centres http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/child/cleft.aspx)</p>	<p>For more information: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/child/cleft.aspx</p>

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Adults (18 years of age & older)	OW Adult (Ontario Works)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental care for adults on OW may be offered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency care. What is offered depends on where you live in Ontario. 	<p>What you need to show the dentist depends on where you live.</p> <p>You will need to show proof (usually your Statement of Assistance for the current month).</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario Works caseworker Local Ontario works office <p>http://www.officelocator.mcsc.gov.on.ca/Index.aspx?lang=en</p>
	ODSP Adult (Ontario Disability Support Program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who receive ODSP Spouses 18 years of age or older 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic dental services Additional services if the disability, prescribed medications or prescribed treatment affects oral health See Dental Special Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A dental card will be mailed each month with the monthly cheque or statement. ODSP adults can use the dental card for dental care services in the following month. 	<p>Contact your municipal office</p> <p>http://www.officelocator.mcsc.gov.on.ca/Index.aspx?lang=en</p>
	Dental Special Care Plan	<p>The Dental Special Care Plan provides additional dental services if the disability, prescribed medications or prescribed treatment affects oral health.</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radiation of head/ neck Diuretics Diabetes HIV/AIDS Developmental disabilities (such as Down Syndrome) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental Special Care treatment plan usually last for five years as long as the client continues to be eligible for the ODSP dental benefit. Plans can be changed if the client's needs change 	<p>A dentist or dental hygienist can apply for the Dental Special Care Plan on behalf of the client by submitting a predetermination to AccertaClaim Servcorp Inc. (Accerta).</p>	<p>Further information about the Dental Special Care Plan and instructions on how to apply are in the MCSS dental and dental hygiene schedules.</p>

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Adults (18 years of age & older)	Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)	<p>Adult who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who live in Ontario Have an OHIP card 	OHIP may cover some dental surgery, if it is done in a hospital.	Talk to your Dentist or Dental Hygienist.	
	VAC (Veterans Affairs Canada)	<p>Veterans who receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A disability benefit; Services through the Veterans Independence program Financial assistance through the Long Term Care program; The War Veterans Allowance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic dental care Some pre-authorized comprehensive dental services. 	VAC (Veteran Affairs Canada) Health Care Identification Card must be presented at each visit.	http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/health/treatment-benefits
First Nations and Inuit	NIHB (Non-Insured Health Benefits) Program of Health Canada's First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB)	<p>Resident of Canada and one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A First Nations person who is registered under the <i>Indian Act</i> (commonly referred to as a status Indian). An Inuk recognized by an Inuit land claim organization. An infant less than 1 year old whose parent is a registered First Nations person or a recognized Inuk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coverage for most routine dental care. Some dental services must be pre-authorized. 	<p>Must have client identification</p> <p>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fnih-spnia/nihb-ssna/provide-fournir/client-beneficiaire-eng.php</p>	<p>General NIHB Inquiries Toll-free: 1-800-640-0642 Fax: 613-952-7054</p> <p>http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/health-system-systeme-sante/services/non-insured-health-benefits-services-sante-non-assures/benefits-prestations/dental-care-soins-dentaires-eng.php</p>

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Refugees	Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides limited, temporary coverage to people who are not eligible for provincial health insurance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protected persons, including resettled refugees; Refugee claimants; and Certain other groups. Children may be eligible for the Healthy Smiles Ontario program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental services limited to emergency care for conditions involving pain, infection or trauma. Not intended for on-going regular or routine dental care. 	Certificate of eligibility is issued by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) or Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) 	More information is available at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medavie Blue Cross website https://provider.medavie.bluecross.ca Medavie Blue Cross Customer Information Centre at 1-888-614-1880 Email: CIC_Inquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca