

Government Funded Dental Programs in Ontario



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| Children & Youth (17 years & younger) | Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) Program | <p>Children whose family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live in Ontario Meet the income cut off <p>You do not need to apply for Healthy Smiles Ontario 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 | <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> |
| | Core 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"> 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.mcass.gov.on.ca/Index.aspx?lang=en</p> |
| | ODSP Program 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.mcass.gov.on.ca/Index.aspx?lang=en</p> |

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| | 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 if 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> |
| 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 | <p>OHIP may cover some dental surgery, if it is done in a hospital.</p> | <p>Talk to your Dentist or Dental Hygienist.</p> | <p>Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Form: Request for Approval of Payment for Proposed Dental procedures:</p> <p>http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?openform&ENV=WWE&NO=014-2743-84</p> |

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| | 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. When treating HSO clients with coverage under IFHP, benefits will be coordinated with IFHP as the first payer. | <p>Certificate of eligibility is issued by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) or Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) | <p>More information is available at:</p> <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 <p>Refugee applicants can apply by mail to HSO</p> <p>For more information: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/emb/syrianrefugees/docs/dental_coverage_fact_sheet.pdf</p> |