

Canadian Dental Care Plan

Régime canadien de soins dentaires

Benefits at A Glance – Children

Accessible. Affordable. Essential.

Oral health is an important part of Canadians' overall health and well-being. Regular visits to an oral health professional have proven to reduce the risk of tooth decay, gum disease and other serious health problems, such as cardiovascular disease and stroke.

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) will help ease financial barriers to accessing oral health care for up to nine million Canadian residents who have an adjusted family net income below \$90,000 and who do not have dental insurance. The CDCP will help cover a wide range of oral health care services that keep your teeth and gums healthy and treat problems that can happen.

The [Canada Dental Benefit](#) will continue to support families with children under the age of 12 until June 30, 2024. As of June 2024, parents and caregivers will be able to apply for the CDCP for children under the age of 18.

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In Canada, 57% of children 6 to 11 years of age have had a cavity, while tooth decay accounts for one-third of all day surgeries performed in hospitals for children between the ages of 1 and 5. In fact, poor oral health causes more than two million missed school days annually.

The CDCP covers a number of oral health care services that can help improve the oral health outcomes of children.

Common oral health problems for children	How the CDCP can help
Tooth decay	<p>The CDCP covers restorative services such as fillings.</p> <p>The CDCP also covers examinations and x-rays to diagnose issues.</p>

<p>Evidence shows that early preventive dental visits before the age of three serves to establish a “dental home,” and may be associated with reduced restorative oral care visits during the first years of life</p>	<p>The CDCP covers examinations and preventive services such as cleaning, polishing, fluoride and sealants.</p>
<p>Research shows that the application of fluoride treatment and protective sealants, to children’s teeth reduces the risk of tooth decay</p>	<p>The CDCP will cover fluoride applications and sealants.</p>

For more information on the CDCP, eligibility, the phased application roll-out and examples of what will be covered, visit Canada.ca/dental.