

CDCP Co-ordination of Benefits



- The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) is a dental benefit for eligible Canadian residents who do not have access to dental insurance and have an adjusted household net income of less than \$90,000.
- If you have dental coverage through a provincial or federal government social program, you can still qualify for the CDCP.
- You are entitled to all the benefits you qualify for. The CDCP is a new dental benefit that will work with your coverage under Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).
- In fact, the CDCP is better funded and in many ways provides greater coverage than many provincial dental programs, including HSO and benefits through ODSP and Ontario Works (OW).
- We strongly recommend you apply for the CDCP if you are eligible. It is an easy process that can be completed quickly online or by telephone.

Why should I apply for the CDCP when I already have coverage under HSO or ODSP?

HSO and ODSP only cover a small portion of the cost of your dental care. That's not something we often talk about, but for every \$100 of treatment, our office only gets paid around \$33 from the provincial government. This makes it harder for us to care for you and everyone who needs care.

The CDCP will help to cover some of that gap, which will help to ensure we are able to provide care to everyone who needs it over the long term.

Participation in the CDCP could make it easier for people with HSO and ODSP benefits to receive care. Your help in applying for the CDCP if you don't already have it, and spreading the word, is appreciated.

How do I apply for the CDCP?

You can apply online through Health Canada's website: Canada.ca/dental.

You can also apply by phone at: 1-833-537-4342.

A trusted person or delegate is allowed to help you with your application.

What do I need to apply?

- Social Insurance Number
- Date of birth
- Full name
- Home and mailing address
- You have filed a tax return for the previous year (in the case of children, this applies to the parent(s)/guardian(s))





What if I haven't filed a tax return?

Don't worry – you can still file your tax return. <u>More information</u> can be found through the Canada Revenue Agency.

There's help available with filing your tax return. The Canada Revenue Agency has <u>information</u> on free tax clinics. The Canada Revenue Agency can be contacted at: 1-800-959-8281.

There are also local and online tax preparation services you could choose to access (e.g. H&R Block).

How will the CDCP work with my benefits under Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO)?

Your HSO benefits can be co-ordinated with the CDCP. Please inform our office of all of your coverages when booking your appointment and bring your CDCP member card and HSO dental card the day of your treatment.

How will the CDCP work with my benefits under the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)?

Your ODSP dental benefits can be co-ordinated with the CDCP. Please inform our office of all of your coverages when booking your appointment and bring your CDCP member card and your valid government ID the day of your treatment.

How will the CDCP work with my benefits under Ontario Works (OW)?

Dental benefits under OW are administered by municipalities, so this will depend on where you live. We'll need more information from your local Ontario Works office on how the CDCP and Ontario Works dental benefits interact.

You could ask the patient to have their case worker call your office to speak about this further.

Contact information for local Ontario Works offices can be found here.

How will the CDCP work with my benefits under the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program?

As this time, the federal and provincial governments have made a decision that benefits between the CDCP and the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program will not co-ordinate. You have a choice as to whether you access benefits under the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program at a Public Health Unit, or the CDCP at a dental clinic.

How will the CDCP work with my benefits under the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program?

Given the similarities between the CDCP and the NIHB, it is expected that there will be limited to no co-ordination needed. If a service is covered by the CDCP that is not covered by NIHB, we can submit it to the CDCP for co-ordination.