

Primary Health Care Services for Children and Youth in Canada: Access, Quality and Structure

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Dental Care Coverage for Children and Youth across Canada (current as of 2015)

P/T	Public health dental screening program	Universal dental coverage for children	Coverage for targeted dental care programs for children
NL		<u>Children's Dental Health Program</u> : Universal access to children age 12 years and under, includes diagnostic, preventive periodontal, restorative services	<u>Children's Dental Health Program</u> : Families receiving income support benefits or social assistance, includes exams, fillings, extractions, emergency treatment
PE	<u>Early Childhood Dental Initiative</u> : All infants ages 15 to 18 months. Includes screening, risk assessment by dental hygienists (provided through Public Health immunization clinics)	<u>Dental Preventative Services Program</u> : All school-aged children 3 to 17 years of age. Includes oral health education, screening, topical fluoride application, and dental sealants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Dental Treatment (Diagnostic and Treatment) Services Program</u>: Access for children ages 3 to 17 (fee waived for low-income families). Includes diagnostic and basic treatment services; <u>Orthodontic Preventative Program</u>: Children from low-income families. Includes minor preventive orthodontic services; <u>Pediatric Specialist Services Dental Program</u>: Children in medical or financial need. Includes diagnostic, treatment, and preventive services.
NS		<u>MSI Children's Oral Health Program</u> : Coverage for Children < 10 years of age. Includes: Diagnostic, preventive, and treatment services (anesthesia in hospital settings)	<u>Mentally Challenged Program, for children with disability</u> . Includes diagnostic, preventive, and treatment services (anesthesia in hospital settings)
NB			<u>Dental care for low-income families for children < 18 years of age from low-income families</u> . Examination, basic diagnostic, extractions, some preventive treatment.
QC		<u>Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec</u> : Children's Dental Care Program. Coverage for children < 10 years of age. Services include basic diagnostic, restorative and oral surgery (no fluoride).	<u>Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec</u> : Children's Dental Care Program provides children from low-income families with basic diagnostic, restorative and oral surgery, annual teeth cleaning (> 12 years of age are eligible for annual cleaning; 12-15 years of age are eligible for fluoride application).

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1. Healthy Smiles Ontario: Children < 18 years and under, from low-income families without access to dental care - Preventive and basic treatment services
2. Ontario Disability Support Program - Dental Care for Children - Dependent children < 18 years of age, living with a parent with disability. Basic diagnostic, preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgery services. General anesthesia and sedation.
3. Assistance for Severely Disabled Children (ASDC) - Children < 18 years from low-income families, living at home and have severe disability. Basic diagnostic, preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgery services.
4. Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) - Children < 18 years, in need of emergency dental care; parents have no access to dental insurance/cost would result in financial hardship. Basic diagnostic, preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgery services. General anesthesia and conscious sedation. *One-time coverage

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1. Health Services Dental Program - Children < 18 years with disability or are wards of state. Basic diagnostic, preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgery services.
2. Dental benefits for children whose families are receiving provincial Employment and Income Assistance (social assistance)
3. SMILE plus program (operated by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority) - children living in the Winnipeg region from lower income households. Preventive and basic treatment services.
4. Mount Carmel Clinic – program providing basic dental care to working poor families. This program receives assistance from the United Way of Winnipeg.
5. Healthy Smile Happy Child intersectoral partnership - At-risk infants, preschool children, and their families. Predominantly oral health promotion not

		<p>treatment.</p> <p>6. <u>Free First Visit Program</u> (Manitoba Dental Association initiative) – Free first dental visit Children < 36 months of age to promote early first dental visits and establish a dental home.</p>
SK		<p>1. <u>Family Health Benefits for children 0 to 18 years of age from low-income families</u>. Basic coverage.</p> <p>2. <u>Supplementary Health Program for children in foster care</u>. Services include diagnostic, preventive, restorative, oral surgery</p> <p>3. <u>Public Health Services Dental Clinic</u> (Saskatoon Health Region for children 0 to 6 with limited or no dental insurance. Preventive and treatment services.</p>
AB	<p><u>Oral health services for early childhood & school-aged children</u>. Screening and preventative care in Calgary and surrounding area. Public health screening programs available in schools in Edmonton area.</p>	<p>1. <u>Alberta Child Health Benefit</u> - Children 0 to 18 years of age from low-income families. Basic coverage: exams, cleaning, x-rays, fillings and extractions.</p> <p>2. <u>Family Support for Children with Disabilities</u> - Children 0 to 18 years of age with disability. Basic dental treatment, some orthodontic (related to disability).</p> <p>3. <u>Children age 0 to 18 living in foster care</u> - Basic coverage: exams, cleaning, x-rays, fillings and extractions</p> <p>4. <u>Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped</u> - Children of parents with a disability and unable to work. Basic coverage: exams, cleaning, x-rays, fillings and extractions.</p>
BC	<p><u>Early Childhood Dental Program for children in kindergarten</u>. Delivered by public health authority, includes education, prevention activities, dental assessments, family support.</p>	<p>1. <u>Healthy Kids</u> - Children 0 to 19 years from low-income families receiving assistance from Medical Services Plan. Basic dental services, general anesthesia fee, emergency treatment for pain relief.</p> <p>2. <u>Dental Benefits Program for Children and Youth in Foster Care</u> - Basic, emergency and orthodontic care</p>
YT	<p><u>Children's Dental Health Program</u> (Yukon Health and Social Services) –</p> <p>1. <u>Preschool children</u> - Preventive, restorative, periodontal, and oral surgery; emergency treatment included in preschool plan only</p>	

2. School aged children - up to grade 8 or 12 (varies by region) receive coverage for emergency services not covered in school-aged children's plan.

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Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (Registered First Nations and Inuit only) - Emergency, diagnostic, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgery, orthodontic services