

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) is changing how publicly funded dental care works in Ontario

This fact sheet explains what the CDCP is, and how the CDCP and Ontario's programs will interact on an interim basis.

What is the Canadian Dental Care Plan?

The CDCP is a new federal dental program that provides dental coverage to eligible Canadians who file taxes, have incomes below \$90,000 and don't have access to private dental insurance.

Coverage for eligible seniors begins **May 1, 2024**. Some eligible groups, such as children and those eligible for the Disability Tax Credit, are expected to be able to apply in June 2024, with remaining eligible groups being able to apply in 2025. More information about the CDCP, including when different age groups may be able to receive coverage, can be found on the [federal government's website](#).

The CDCP will pay for dental services first, before Ontario's programs.

Those with CDCP coverage may still be billed for dental services as CDCP coverage may be less than what providers charge. This means that eligible Ontarians should consult with dental providers on the full cost of services in advance.

Ontario's dental programs may be able to help with these costs. See below for details.

Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

HSO and ODSP's dental coverage can be used to supplement CDCP coverage. This means that HSO and ODSP will coordinate benefits for clients who are eligible for both the CDCP and either HSO or ODSP, up to the maximums in Ontario's schedules. Ontarians should consult with their dental providers on what is covered.

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Ontario Works

Ontario Works is administered by municipalities and First Nations communities. Municipalities and First Nations communities that deliver Ontario Works can have different policies about adult dental coverage, including the extent of that coverage. Questions about how Ontario Works dental coverage for adults interacts with the CDCP should be directed to the client's [local Ontario Works office](#).

People who have children and who are in the Ontario Works program administered by First Nations delivery agents may still access dental coverage for their child through Ontario Works. If these families are eligible for the CDCP, coverage would be coordinated with Ontario, like ODSP and HSO.

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Plan (OSDCP)

The OSDCP is administered by [Public Health Units](#). This means that dental services are not provided by private practice dentists.

OSDCP clients who are also eligible for the CDCP can choose to access dental benefits through the OSDCP or through the CDCP. Since the CDCP does not cover the full cost of dental services, if seniors choose to access coverage under the CDCP, dentists may bill them for the remaining fee.