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CANADA DENTAL BENEFIT & NEW DENTAL CARE PLAN

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Davenport friends and neighbours:
amis et voisins de Davenport:

The federal government announced in Budget 2023 that it is transitioning its Dental Care *Benefit* into a Dental Care *Plan*.

The current two-year Dental Care *Benefit* for children under 12 who qualify will transition to a **Dental Care *Plan* by the end of 2023 and will be available to children under 18, seniors and disabled Canadians.** By 2025, the Canadian Dental Care *Plan* will be fully implemented to cover all uninsured Canadians with an annual family income of under \$90,000. The national Dental Care *Plan* will cost \$13 billion over five years and \$4.4 billion ongoing.

The objective of this communications is to **encourage all Davenport residents who are now eligible to apply for the benefit** as well as to **alert you of the expansion of the program by the end of the year.**

Over 250,000 Canadians already have benefited from the Dental Care *Benefit* but in Davenport only 400 children have applied.

For those that are interested in applying for the benefit here is what you need to know.

► **Eligibility:** The Canada Dental *Benefit* gives families financial support to get their children dental care. To be eligible, families need to have an annual income of under \$90,000 and filed income taxes for the last year; and a child under 12 as of Dec 1, 2022 who is receiving the

Canada Child Benefit and does not have access to private dental care. The Dental Care *Benefit* can be used for any dental service provided by a regulated oral health professional.

Your family income will determine how much of a benefit you receive—up to \$650 for each eligible child depending on your income.

► **Apply now:** You can apply online through Canada.ca/Dental or, if you prefer, you can call 1-800-715-8836 to start the process by phone.

► **Benefit payments** are administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). If you are already set-up with direct deposit then you will receive your payment within 5 business days of submitting your dental payments; otherwise, you should receive a mailed cheque within 10 business days.

Finally, the details of the Dental Care *Plan* are still being worked out including the criteria and how to apply. To receive my bi-weekly updates so that you do not miss the Dental Care *Plan* details please sign up on my website juliedzzerowicz.ca

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

As always, it is an honour to serve you Davenport!

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Federal Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos visits *Smile Care on St. Clair* in Davenport.



Lots of big smiles from local youth right here in Davenport!

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Canada Dental Benefit

Factsheet

Tooth decay is the most common, but preventable, childhood chronic disease both in Canada and around the world. Oral diseases frequently begin in the preschool years which is why it is so important to establish good oral hygiene behaviours as soon as possible.

The Government of Canada has implemented the interim **Canada Dental Benefit**, which will provide financial support to help Canadian families access dental care. With this benefit, families can address some of the basic dental care that their young children need while the Government develops the **Canadian Dental Care Plan** that will be launched at the end of 2023.

? WHAT is the benefit?

The interim Canada Dental Benefit provides payments **up to \$650** per eligible child under 12 years of age, per year for two years.

\$650

if the family's adjusted net income is under \$70,000

\$390

if the family's adjusted net income is between \$70,000 and \$79,999

\$260

if the family's adjusted net income is between \$80,000 and \$89,999

The benefit can be used for any dental care provided by any regulated dental professional.



WHO can apply?

Parents/Guardians who:

- ✓ Have a child under 12 years of age, who does not have access to private dental care insurance.
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income under \$90,000 per year.
- ✓ Have filed last year's income tax return—for more information on how to file a return, visit Canada.ca/doing-your-taxes.
- ✓ Receive the Canada Child Benefit for each eligible child.
- ✓ Have or will have dental care expenses for each eligible child that have not been fully reimbursed under another federal, provincial or territorial government program.



HOW can you apply?

Canada Revenue Agency (**CRA My Account**) will be the quickest, easiest and most secure way to apply for the Canada Dental Benefit. If you don't yet have a CRA My Account, you can register at Canada.ca/my-cra-account.

You will need to **provide information** on the dental care visit, including the name of your child's dental care provider(s) and your employer information.

If you apply online and are signed up for **CRA direct deposit**, you can receive your payment within five business days!

If you're unable to apply for the Canada Dental Benefit online, **call 1-800-715-8836** to get your application started.

Make sure you have your Social Insurance Number, address, date of birth and a copy of your income tax return from last year.



WHEN can you apply?

Parents can now apply for dental care received by their eligible child between October 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 so long as their child will still be under 12 on December 1. For the second benefit, parents can apply starting July 1, 2023 for dental care received between July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.



WHAT if I don't read or speak English or French?

The application portal is only available in English and French. However, if you need help with the application, you can ask an English or French-speaking friend to sit with you while you fill out the application, or have them with you when you call **1-800-715-8836**.

If you don't have a friend available to assist with the process, the CRA can arrange to call you back in order to have someone on the line who speaks your language.

**NEW!
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Budget 2023 transitions the Dental Benefit into a **Dental Care Plan** at the end of 2023. At that time, we will roll out a dental care plan that will cover uninsured children under 18 years, seniors and people with disabilities. By 2025, the Canadian Dental Care Plan will cover all uninsured Canadians with an annual family income of under \$90,000.

Visit Canada.ca/dental for more information, or call **1-800-715-8836**



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