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NEW CANADIAN DENTAL CARE PLAN

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Davenport friends and neighbours: amis et voisins de Davenport:

It's my pleasure to share with you the details of the **new federal Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)**. Introducing this program is the largest expansion of Canada's health care system since it was first introduced in the 1960s. I want to acknowledge the key role the federal NDP played to ensure a dental care plan was launched.

Having access to quality dental health is a key part of overall health. A third of people living in Canada do not have dental insurance. In 2022, one in four Canadians reported avoiding visiting an oral health care professional because of the cost. Access to oral health should not be dependent on Canadians' ability to pay.

The CDCP will help ease financial barriers to accessing oral health care for up to nine million uninsured Canadians who are residents for tax purposes, have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000, and who do not have access to dental insurance.

The CDCP will be rolled out in a phased approach over the coming months, starting in December 2023 with eligible **seniors**. Applications are open for seniors aged 87 and above, and then will expand in phases to include all seniors over 70 by March 2024.

Persons with a **valid Disability Tax Credit**

certificate and children under the age of 18 and who do not have any dental insurance will be able to apply online as of June 2024. **All remaining eligible Canadian residents** will be able to apply in 2025.

It's important to note that the first step is to wait until you get a letter or email with an invitation to apply. When you will receive a letter or email depends on your age (see chart on the other side). Our federal government will contact you using information from your tax return. Follow the instructions and process in the letter. The faster you fill it out and send it back (mail or online) the faster you will be able to access dental care.

See the other side for more information. You can also visit the federal government website to find everything you need to know: Canada.ca/Dental

This is a significant milestone for the health and well-being of Davenport residents and indeed for all Canadians. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me or call my office.

It's an honour and pleasure to serve you Davenport!

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Tea with Davenport seniors



Participating in Christmas festivities at Casa da Madeira

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WHAT'S COVERED

The CDCP will help cover the cost of various oral health care services. Services that could be covered include the following (some only available in fall 2024):

- ✓ Cleaning, polishing, sealants and fluoride
- ✓ Examinations and x-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Root canal treatments
- ✓ Dentures—complete and partial
- ✓ Deep scaling
- ✓ Oral surgery including extractions



All smiles at the Madeira Christmas Market

PROCESS

Canadians enrolled in the CDCP will be able to start seeing an oral health provider as early as May 2024, starting with seniors. The start date will vary based on when each group can apply and when enrolment is completed. **Sun Life will enrol eligible applicants in the CDCP and will send them a welcome package, including information on the CDCP, coverage details, their member card, and the start date of their coverage.**

How will the CDCP be administered?

The CDCP will be administered by Health Canada. Service Canada will process applications. Sun Life—chosen through an open, multi-stage, competitive procurement process—is the contracted service provider responsible for enrollment and claims processing.

I am a senior and have not received a letter. What do I do?

If you have not filed your 2022 taxes, you may not receive a letter in the mail. If you are a potentially eligible senior aged 70 or older and **have not received a letter by April 2024**, you can contact Service Canada directly by phone at 1-800-622-6232.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the CDCP, all of the following criteria must be met:

- ▶ **You do not have access to dental insurance** (including employer or a family member's employer benefits, pension-sponsored or private dental insurance)
- ▶ **Your family net income is less than \$90,000**
- ▶ **You must be a Canadian resident for tax purposes**
- ▶ **You have filed your tax return in the previous year**

Canadian residents who have dental coverage through government social programs still qualify if they meet all the eligibility criteria.

ROLLOUT SCHEDULE

To meet anticipated demand, the CDCP will be **rolled out in phases** over the coming months—first for seniors and then other groups as shown below.

GROUP	APPLICATIONS OPEN
SENIORS 87 AND OVER	DECEMBER 2023
SENIORS 77–86	JANUARY 2024
SENIORS 72–76	FEBRUARY 2024
SENIORS 70–71	MARCH 2024
SENIORS 65–69	MAY 2024
ADULTS WITH A VALID DISABILITY TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE	JUNE 2024
CHILDREN UNDER 18	JUNE 2024
ALL REMAINING ELIGIBLE CANADIAN RESIDENTS	STARTING 2025

For more information, please visit Canada.ca/Dental

