

Q&A regarding Health Canada's Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) and Social Development's (SD's) Dental Program – Frequently Asked Questions

Programs to support your oral health in New Brunswick

If you don't have dental coverage and need dental care for yourself or your dependents, there are two programs that may help:

1. Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)

The CDCP is a federal program that helps Canadians without private insurance pay for dental care.

To qualify, you must:

- Not have private dental insurance.
- Be a Canadian resident for tax purposes.
- Have filed your taxes for the most recent year.
- Have a family net income under \$90,000.

The CDCP covers many dental services and pays part of the cost. You may need to pay a portion.

2. Social Development (SD) Dental Program

The SD Dental Program is for people who are already receiving services or support from the Department of Social Development.

You may qualify if you are:

- Receiving social assistance or are a dependent.
- In the Child and Youth Services Program.
- Living in a special care home or a nursing home.
- Assessed by SD as unable to afford dental care.

The SD Dental Program covers fewer services than the CDCP, but it pays 100% of the cost. No co-pay is required.

Have existing dental insurance?

- If you are covered by the SD Dental Program, you can still apply for the CDCP.
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- If you have *other* dental insurance, you cannot apply for either program.

Can I use both plans at the same time?

No, dental services you receive must be applied to one plan or the other. Speak with your dental care provider to decide which of the programs to use to best meet your needs.

Will Social Development reimburse any fees I receive from my Canadian Dental Care Plan if I elect to use that plan?

No, the SD Dental Program does not reimburse CDCP co-pays or additional fees charged by your dentist.

How to check if your dentist accepts your dental plan

Contact your dental care provider's office directly and ask which plans they accept.

Why apply for the CDCP if the SD Dental Program is free?

The SD Dental Program covers fewer services but pays the full cost. The CDCP covers more services and helps reduce costs, but you may have to pay a portion.

***The Department of Social Development is working to coordinate benefits with the CDCP to make it easier for you to avoid delays and get the most out of your plans. This document will be updated as changes are made.**

Where to learn more

Visit the following websites:

- [Health Services](#)
- [Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision Program](#)

You can apply or get more information online about the CDCP at Canada.ca/dental, by calling 1-833-537-4342, or by visiting a Service Canada Centre.
