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Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Dental problems directly impact Ontario's overall health care system and are a contributing factor to crowded emergency rooms and hospital wards. The OSDCP will reduce unnecessary trips to the hospital and help to eliminate hallway health care, prevent chronic disease and improve the quality of life and overall well-being for eligible seniors.

Eligibility

Your patients can apply for this program if they;

- are 65 years of age or older
- an Ontario resident
- have annual net income of **\$19,300** or less for a single senior, or combined annual net income of **\$32,300** or less for a couple
- have no other form of dental benefits, including private insurance or dental coverage under another government program like Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program or Non-Insured Health Benefits.
- Income verification will occur through using a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

Coverage Includes:

- Check-ups, including scaling, fluoride and polishing
- Repairing broken teeth and cavities
- X-rays
- Anesthesia
- Removing teeth
- Treating infection and pain (endodontic services)
- Treating gum conditions and diseases
- Prosthodontic services, including dentures, will be partially covered.

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A welcome package, including dental card, will arrive in the mail after being deemed eligible.

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For full details and application forms contact RCDHU @ (613) 732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097 ext. 661