

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) that is now in effect for eligible Canadians.

Some important points to note:

- We ARE accepting patients covered under this plan.
- Not everyone is eligible for this benefit. Please visit the Government of Canada website to see if you are eligible and to apply.
 - The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) is a dental benefit for eligible Canadian residents who do not have access to dental insurance and have an adjusted net income of less than \$90,000.
 - The CDCP is managed by Health Canada and administered by Sun Life. Dentists are NOT involved in deciding who is eligible or what services are covered.
- If approved, you will receive a Sun Life **benefit card** in the mail.
- The government is issuing benefit cards based on age. Older patients will get their cards before those under 65 years.
- To book an appointment you **MUST** have received your physical benefits card. We cannot book you without this.
 - **Please bring your Sun Life benefit card with you to ALL APPOINTMENTS.**
 - **Patients are responsible for confirming coverage is active.** Treatment will be billed personally in the event of your coverage is not active.
- The CDCP does NOT provide free dental care. It is a government dental benefit that **covers a part of the cost of your care.**
 - Patients may be responsible for a co-pay of 40%-60% of the CDCP Fees + any difference in between the current fee guide. This “difference” is the amount not covered by the CDCP. Health Canada elected not to cover the full costs of treatment through the CDCP, so patients must make up the difference.
 - **Example:** *The total cost of an Adult New Patient Complete Oral Exam is \$178. The CDCP is covering up to \$152.42 for this service. If you have 100% coverage with the CDCP, then you would have a balance of roughly \$25.58. If you have 60% coverage with the CDCP, you will have a balance of roughly \$86.50 for this service.*

Despite the massive administrative burden this program will be applying on our staff and our team, we have decided to participate in this program. For that reason, we ask that you please be mindful that these government programs are new and will require patience on your part. Our office and staff remain committed to serving our patients to ease access to dental care for our local community.

If you have any further questions or wish to schedule an appointment, please call the office 519-672-1360 and we will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lindsay Tuckwood, Rebecca, Andrea and Tanya