

NIHB Welcomes Dental Hygienists as Independent Service Providers

The Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (NIHB) is pleased to announce that effective June 1st, 2016, NIHB will allow dental hygienists to submit claims to the Program as independent service providers. Enrollment with the NIHB Program as independent service providers in provinces and territories where scope of practice allows will begin April 15, 2016. NIHB welcomes dental hygienists to the Program and is confident that expanded access to oral health care will lead to improved health outcomes for First Nations and Inuit.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA), the Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA), the College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta (CRDHA) and the Chiefs of Ontario (COO), who have worked diligently with us over the past several years to realize this goal. We look forward to a long and productive partnership with the dental hygiene community. For more information on how to become an independent service provider with NIHB, please contact Express Scripts Canada at <http://provider.express-scripts.ca/documents/Dental/Forms/English/Dental%20Hygienist%20Provider%20Enrolment%20Form.pdf> the [CDHA](#) or your provincial or regional dental hygiene association.