



Canada Dental Benefit

Hello,

We are pleased to announce that applications for the second benefit period of the [Canada Dental Benefit](#) are now open! Last year, the Government of Canada launched the Canada Dental Benefit as a first step to addressing cost barriers to dental care for families in Canada. The benefit provides up-front, tax-free payments to cover dental care for Canadian children whose families do not have access to private dental insurance. To date, the benefit has helped close to 340,000 children access the care they need to develop healthy, bright smiles. Let's keep the momentum going!

Applications for the second benefit period opened on July 1, 2023, and will accept applications for eligible dental expenses until June 30, 2024.

To be eligible, families need to meet all of the following criteria for each child they apply for:

- They have a child or children under 12 as of July 1, 2023, and are currently receiving the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) for that child;
- They have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000;
- Their child does not have access to private dental care coverage;
- They have filed their 2022 tax return; and
- They have **out of pocket expenses** for their child's dental care services incurred in Canada between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, for which the costs have not been fully covered under another federal, provincial or territorial government program.

Eligible families can apply for the second benefit period quickly and easily through their CRA My Account. Those who are unable to apply online can call the new dedicated phone line at 1-800-715-8836 to complete their application with an agent. For more information on how to apply, please visit our [website](#).

[Promotional Toolkit Overview](#)

We greatly appreciated your support during the first benefit period in distributing and promoting our educational information to your clients and patients. We have updated the toolkit to answer questions about the second benefit period to better equip you to help your patients and clients understand and access the benefit.

The [toolkit](#) contains the following products:

- Shareable social media materials;
- Factsheets **in 12 languages**, including Punjabi, Simplified Chinese and Ukrainian;
- Poster;
- The Canada Dental Benefit: What You Need to Know;
- Newsletter article; and
- Short video explainer.



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Please feel free to use and distribute this material to your patients/clients/members, partner organizations and other stakeholders. We appreciate your continued support in informing patients/clients of this important benefit so that more kids can get brighter smiles.

Thank you.