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## Media Release

### **Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) responds to Budget 2025, commending the federal government for continued support for oral health care**

November 4, 2025 (OTTAWA) — The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) commends the federal government for its continued support for and investments in the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP), a historic initiative facilitating access to oral health care for millions of Canadians. Budget 2025 reaffirms the government's commitment to making essential oral health services more affordable and accessible for eligible Canadians. Sustained federal investment in the CDCP is critical to building a more equitable healthcare system that acknowledges the link between oral health and overall physical well-being.

CDHA has been a leading voice in advocating for the development and implementation of the CDCP, ensuring that the perspectives of dental hygienists are reflected in national oral health policy. "The continued federal investment in oral health care through the CDCP represents an important commitment to the health and well-being of all Canadians," said Donna Lee, CDHA president. "By maintaining and strengthening funding for the CDCP, the federal government is ensuring that vulnerable populations—including seniors, children, and low-income families—can access the high-quality care they need to support their overall health and well-being."

Dental hygienists play a vital role in Canada's oral health care system, providing preventive services, patient education, and clinical care that help Canadians maintain optimal oral health. Through the CDCP, dental hygienists have been able to reach thousands of previously underserved patients, delivering therapeutic oral health care and essential oral health education.

"Since the launch of the Canadian Dental Care Plan, we have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that accessible oral health care has on individuals, families, and communities," adds Lee. "Dental hygienists across the country are providing essential care to patients who, for the first time in their lives, can afford regular, preventive services."

As the voice of Canada's dental hygiene profession, CDHA looks forward to continued collaboration with the federal government, provincial and territorial partners, and other stakeholders to ensure the continued success and evolution of the CDCP, as well as the progression of other key priorities for the dental hygiene sector. These include advancing previous Budget commitments, such as student loan forgiveness. CDHA remains committed to advocating for enhanced access to oral health care and recognition of the essential contributions of dental hygienists to the health care system.

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**About the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA):**

CDHA is the national voice of dental hygienists in Canada. Representing nearly 34,000 dental hygienists across the country, CDHA advocates for the advancement and promotion of the dental hygiene profession while maintaining a commitment to the public's oral health. Dental hygiene is the sixth largest regulated health profession in Canada, with professionals working as practitioners, practice owners, educators, researchers, administrators, and more. Dental hygienists are a pivotal component of Canada's health care landscape, dedicated to improving oral health and overall well-being. For more information on oral health, visit [dentalhygienecanada.ca](http://dentalhygienecanada.ca). For more information on the work of CDHA, visit [cdha.ca](http://cdha.ca).

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