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# SENIORS' ORAL HEALTH: WHAT CANADIANS ARE SAYING

Highlights of Abacus Data findings from a national survey  
of 2,200 Canadian residents from January 7 to 12, 2022.

Barriers to oral care identified as very serious/serious

79%



ability to pay

72%



lack of government-funded programs

64%



restricted mobility

88%



Want oral health included in  
national standards for long-  
term care (LTC)

47%



Say that oral health  
services in LTC are non-  
existent or minimal

86%



Support federal government  
funding for preventive and  
basic oral health services

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