让加拿大人更能负担得起牙科保健

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加拿大政府宣布推出加拿大牙科保健计划(CDCP)

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口腔健康是我们整体健康和幸福的重要组成部分。事实证明,定期看口腔保健专家可以降低蛀 牙、牙龈疾病和其他严重健康问题(如心血管疾病和中风)的风险。然而,我们知道加拿大有三 分之一的人没有牙科保险,而且在 2022 年,每四个加拿大人中就有一人表示因为费用问题而不 去看口腔保健专家。口腔保健的获得不应取决于加拿大人的支付能力。

今天,加拿大政府宣布了即将推出的加拿大牙科保健计划(Canadian Dental Care Plan,CDCP)的细节,这是加拿大人民健康和福祉的一个重要里程碑。一旦全面实施,加拿大牙科保健计划将帮助多达 900 万家庭年收入低于 9 万加元的无保险加拿大居民缓解获得口腔保健的经济障碍。

为满足预期需求并确保计划的成功实施,CDCP 将在未来几个月内分阶段推出,首先从老年人开始。2023 年 12 月将首先向 87 岁及以上的老年人开放申请,2024 年 1 月将分阶段向 77 至 86 岁的老年人开放申请,2024 年 2 月将向 72 至 76 岁的老年人开放申请,2024 年 3 月将向 70 至 71 岁的老年人开放申请。这些年龄组中可能符合条件的个人将收到邀请他们申请的信件,并附有如何验证其资格和通过电话申请的说明。

2024 年 5 月,申请将转到在线门户网站,并向符合条件的 65 岁及以上老年人开放。从 2024 年 6 月起,持有有效残疾税收抵免证书的人和 18 岁以下的儿童也可以在线申请。其余所有符合条件的 18 至 64 岁加拿大居民将从 2025 年开始在线申请。

加入 CDCP 的加拿大人最早可在 2024 年 5 月开始看口腔医疗服务提供者,从老年人开始。获得口腔保健服务的开始日期将根据每个群体的申请时间、收到申请的时间和完成注册的时间而有所不同。保险开始日期、保险详情和会员卡将由签约服务提供商 Sun Life 在欢迎礼包中发送。

CDCP 将承保各种口腔保健服务,以预防和治疗口腔疾病。这些服务包括洗牙(清洁)、抛光等预防性护理,以及检查、X 光、补牙、活动假牙和根管治疗等其他服务。作为持续改进方法的一部分,将根据数据和证据对 CDCP 进行定期审查,以确保其满足加拿大人的需求。



口腔保健专业人员在提供口腔保健方面发挥着至关重要的作用,该计划将使更多的加拿大人能够得到口腔保健服务。我们将为口腔卫生专业人员提供资源和工具,帮助他们向患者宣传 CDCP。

CDCP 是加拿大政府让加拿大人生活得更实惠计划的重要组成部分。

欲了解 CDCP 的更多信息、资格、分阶段推出的申请以及承保范围示例,请访问 Canada.ca/dental。

引述

"加拿大牙科保健计划将为我们的国家带来变革。它将大大改善健康状况,减轻我们医疗保健系统的负担,并通过扩大目前无法获得这一关键护理的数百万加拿大人获得口腔保健的机会,为公平奠定基础。加拿大政府通过帮助家庭及其亲人,让生活变得更加实惠"。

-马克·霍兰阁下 卫生部长

"加拿大牙科保健计划 将帮助数百万加拿大人获得口腔保健服务。这是加拿大历史上规模最大的一次保险推广,我们将从 87 岁或 87 岁以上的加拿大人开始。符合条件的加拿大人将收到一封邮寄信件,详细说明如何在接下来的几个月内加入牙科计划。请在收到信件后再采取进一步行动,并查看 Canada.ca/dental 了解更多详情"。

-黄志峰阁下 公民服务部部长

"我们知道,优质的口腔保健不仅对口腔健康很重要,而且对整体健康也很重要。我国政府对扩大口腔医疗服务的承诺是坚定不移的。在成功完成公开、透明和竞争性的采购过程后,永明将负责管理这一重要举措,这将改善加拿大人的健康和生活"。

-让-伊夫·杜克洛阁下 公共服务及政府采购部长

"牙科保健不应该是奢侈品。这是基本的医疗保健。老年人通常有固定收入,需要支付更多的医疗费用,因此他们是我们牙科计划中的优先考虑对象。我们希望每个加拿大人都能健康、舒适、有尊严地步入老年"。

-西莫斯·奥雷根阁下 劳工及长者部长



事实简要

- 加拿大牙科保健计划(CDCP)将由加拿大卫生部与加拿大就业和社会发展部(ESDC) 通过加拿大服务部和永明保险公司合作管理。
- 2023 年预算案宣布,从 2023-24 年开始,在五年内投资 130 亿加元,并持续投资 44 亿加元,以实施 CDCP。
- 与 Sun Life 签订的合同估计价值为 746 698 598.22 加元。合同期限为五年,包括两个 24 个月的选择期和一个 12 个月的选择期,共五个额外的选择年。
- 加拿大牙科福利将继续为有 12 岁以下子女的家庭提供支持,直至 2024 年 6 月 30 日。从 2024 年 6 月起,家长和看护人将可以为 18 岁以下的儿童申请 CDCP。

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Making dental care more affordable in Canada

From: Health Canada

News release

The Government of Canada announces roll-out of the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)

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Oral health is an important part of our overall health and well-being. Regular visits to an oral health professional have proven to reduce the risk of tooth decay, gum disease and other serious health problems, such as cardiovascular disease and stroke. Yet, we know that a third of the people living in Canada do not have dental insurance, and in 2022, one in four Canadians reported avoiding visiting an oral health professional because of the cost. Access to oral health care should not be dependent on Canadians' ability to pay.

Today, the Government of Canada announced the details of the upcoming roll-out of the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP), a significant milestone for the health and well-being of people in Canada. Once fully implemented, the CDCP will help ease financial barriers to accessing oral health care for up to nine million uninsured Canadian residents with an annual family income of less than \$90,000.

To meet anticipated demand and ensure a smooth onboarding process, the CDCP will be rolled out using a phased approach over



the coming months, starting with seniors. Applications will first open for seniors aged 87 and above in December 2023, expanding in phases to those aged 77 to 86 in January 2024, followed by those aged 72 to 76 in February 2024, then those aged 70 to 71 in March 2024. Individuals in these age groups who may be eligible will receive letters inviting them to apply, with instructions on how to validate their eligibility and apply by telephone.

In May 2024, applications will shift to an online portal and will open for eligible seniors 65 and older. Persons with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate and children under the age of 18 will be able to apply online starting June 2024. All remaining eligible Canadian residents between the ages of 18 and 64 will be able to apply online starting in 2025.

Canadians who are enrolled in the CDCP will be able to start seeing an oral health provider as early as May 2024, starting with seniors. The start date to access oral health care will vary based on when each group can apply, when the application is received and when enrolment is completed. This coverage start date, details of coverage, and member card will be sent by Sun Life, the contracted service provider, in a welcome package.

A wide range of <u>oral health care services</u> will be covered under the CDCP to prevent and treat oral health disease. Examples of these services include preventive care such as scaling (cleaning), polishing, as well as other services such as exams, x-rays, fillings, removable dentures, and root canal treatments. As part of a continuous improvement approach, the CDCP will be reviewed regularly based on data and evidence to ensure it meets the needs of Canadians.

Oral health professionals play a vital role in delivering oral health care, and this plan will allow more Canadians to receive their care.



Resources and tools on how to assist and inform their patients about the CDCP will be provided to the oral health professional community.

The CDCP is an important part of the Government of Canada's plan to make life more affordable for Canadians.

For more information on the CDCP, eligibility, the phased application roll-out and examples of what will be covered, visit <u>Canada.ca/dental</u>.

Quotes

"The Canadian Dental Care Plan will be transformative for our country. It will significantly improve health outcomes, reduce a burden on our health care system, and build a foundation of equity by expanding access to oral health care for the millions of Canadians that currently do not have access to this critical care. The Government of Canada is making life more affordable by helping families and their loved ones."

The Honourable Mark Holland

Minister of Health

"The Canadian Dental Care Plan will help millions of Canadians seeking access to oral health care. This is the largest coverage rollout in the history of Canada, and we will start with those Canadians aged 87 or older. Eligible Canadians will receive a letter in the mail that will detail how to enrol in the dental plan over the next number of months. Please wait to receive your letter before taking any further action and check <u>Canada.ca/dental</u> for more details."



The Honourable Terry Beech

Minister of Citizens' Services

"Canadians deserve quality oral health care, which we know is important not only for oral health, but for overall health. Our government's commitment to expanding access to oral health care is unwavering. Following the successful completion of an open, transparent, and competitive procurement process, Sun Life will administer this important initiative, which will improve the health and the lives of Canadians."

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos

Minister of Public Services and Procurement

"Dental care shouldn't be a luxury. It's basic health care. Seniors are often on fixed incomes and have more health care bills, so they're a priority in our dental plan. We want every Canadian to age in health, in comfort, and in dignity."

The Honourable Seamus O'Regan Jr.

Minister of Labour and Seniors

Quick facts

- The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) will be administered by Health Canada in collaboration with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), through Service Canada, and Sun Life.
- Budget 2023 announced an investment of \$13 billion over five years, starting in 2023-24, and \$4.4 billion ongoing, to implement CDCP.
- The estimated value of the contract with Sun Life is \$746,698,598.22. The duration of the contract is five years



and includes two 24-month option periods and one 12-month option period, for a total of five additional option years.

• The Canada Dental Benefit will continue to support families with children under the age of 12 until June 30, 2024. Parents and caregivers will be able to apply for the CDCP for children under the age of 18 as of June 2024.

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