

Chapter 8: Health Benefits

(i) Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Health Program

Intent:	To clarify the coverage available to Income Support recipients under the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Health Program.
Act: (if applicable)	N/A
Regulations:	N/A
Overview: (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Health Plan of the Department of Health and Community Services has four components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children's Dental Program ○ Youth (13-17 years) Dental Program (Income Support) ○ Youth (13-17 years) Dental Program (Access Plan) ○ Adult Dental Plan • Coverage varies with each program, but the person has to be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador, and in possession of a valid MCP Registration Card. • No out-of-province dental coverage is available under these programs. • In order to be eligible for coverage under the Income Support component, the recipient must be in receipt of basic Income Support benefits. <p>Children's Dental Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under this universal program of the Department of Health and Community Services, all children up to (and including) age 12 are eligible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Examination - at six month intervals ○ Cleanings - at 12 month intervals ○ Fluoride treatments for children 6 - 12 years of age every twelve months except in areas where the School Rinse Program is in place ○ X-rays - with some limitations ○ Routine fillings and extractions ○ Other specific procedures which require prior approval

- The Department of Health and Community Services also provides for the following coverage to youth (13-17 years of age) whose families are recipients of basic Income Support, benefits or who are covered under NLPDP's Access Plan:
 - Examinations at 24 month intervals
 - Routine fillings and extractions (excluding impactions)
 - X-rays - with some limitations
 - Emergency examinations when a patient is seen for pain, infection or trauma

Adult Dental Program

- Adult recipients of Income Support benefits (over 18 years of age) as well as low income individuals in receipt of the Access or 65+ plans under NLPDP may be entitled to the following dental services:
 - Dentures
 - Exam and 2 bitewing x-rays
 - Fillings
 - Extractions (excluding impactions)
 - Emergency exam and periapical x-ray preparatory to an extraction.
- The provision of these basic services is based on a three year cycle and for dentures, every 8 years.
- No co-payment by the client is required upon presentation of the Ambulance/Dental Services Card (triggered by the selection of drug card coverage on each request).
 - This card is generated as part of recurring pay cheques (first of month) or on each non-recurring cheque.
 - Cases where there is no cheque generated for the A1 on the case, will have the card printed separately and mailed to the client at their current mailing address.

Surgical-Dental Program

- Eligibility for coverage is provided by the MCP Program for **all residents of Newfoundland and Labrador**.
- Covered under this program are all procedures, including anaesthesia, which are listed in the MCP Surgical Dental

	<p>Payment Schedule and are required for medical reasons to be performed in hospital or in the office of an oral surgeon.</p>
Policy:	<p>Policy for the Income Support Component</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no provision to pay for dental services through the Income Support Program. • For the Income Support component the recipient must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador ○ be in receipt of basic Income Support benefits (clients in receipt of an extended card are not eligible for the IS dental component), and ○ possess a valid MCP Registration Card. • If eligible for basic Income Support, coverage for dental services will be identified on the recipient's ambulance/dental card found on the cheque stub. • No out-of-province dental coverage is available. • Routine extraction of erupted teeth, in hospital, is not covered by MCP or the Income Support Program. • Special requests for dental services will be referred back to the dentist, who should contact the Dental Director at MCP.
Procedure:	<p>Procedures for the Income Support Component</p> <p>Client Services Officer must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine eligibility for Income Support • select drug card coverage for the request which will trigger the production of the Ambulance/Dental card • refer any special requests for dental services back to the dentist, who should contact the Dental Director at MCP.
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