

Transportation for Dental Appointments

Travel benefits may be provided for dental appointments to the nearest dental clinic in the following circumstances; and assuming it meets the criteria of being outside of the local area (30 kilometers or more), or as trips considered in the frequency of overall medical transportation (8 or more per month):

- For children under 12, as per the Provincial Children's Dental Health Program, once every six months for a regular examination. As a fluoride treatment and a cleaning can be provided to children under twelve once every 12 months, these should be completed during one of the regular six month examinations and not approved as a separate trip (verification of attendance required prior to reimbursement);
- For children age 13-17, as per the Provincial Children's Dental Health Program, once every 24 months for a regular examination (verification of attendance required prior to reimbursement);
- For children under the age of 17 who require additional appointments for other MCP covered procedures (X-ray, or routine fillings and extractions as required) a letter verifying the need must be provided by the dentist prior to transportation being approved. **Transportation costs for other dental services (e.g. orthodontics, braces, sedation, etc.) not covered under the Dental Health Plan will not be considered**
- If a client requests a dental service outside of their nearest dental clinic, the referring dentist must provide documentation verifying the need to travel before transportation benefits can be approved. In the absence of sufficient documentation to assess the transportation need, eligible transportation benefits may only be offered on a reimbursement basis.
- When a family in receipt of Income Support benefits has more than one child who requires routine dental work such as cleanings or examinations, the parents should schedule the children's appointments on the same day to eliminate the need for multiple trips/transportation costs; and
- For all clients of the Income Support Program, including adults, who require emergency dental treatment for issues such as pain, infection, trauma or extraction. In these instances, a letter from the dentist confirming the visit and treatment must be provided.