

## MEMO

October 21, 2020

**TO: ALL DENTISTS, DENTAL ASSISTANTS, DENTAL TECHNICIANS,  
DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTURISTS**

**FROM: DR. ED WILLIAMS**

**RE: ELIGIBILITY EXTENSION FOR CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH  
PROGRAM**

The Provincial Government has extended eligibility under the Children's Dental Health Program for children who turned 13 years of age during the closure of dental offices, as dictated by the Covid-19 pandemic. If you had a patient whose appointment was cancelled, or could not be made, due to the office closure and he/she was unable to complete treatment or have diagnostic or preventive services, these patients may now be seen up until March 31, 2021. Services can be billed directly to the Children's Dental Health Program as per normal billing protocol. Comments should be included in the Additional Information section of the claim indicating that the patient was scheduled for treatment prior to loss of eligibility.

**Claims will be honoured only for patients who turned 13 years of age prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

This action is being taken in recognition of the value placed on the oral and dental health of children by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, while also acknowledging efforts by oral health providers to address oral/dental issues prior to the unexpected loss of eligibility.

Thank you,

Dr. Ed Williams  
Dental Consultant