

## Chapter 8: Health Benefits

### (i) Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Health Program

<b>Intent:</b>	To clarify the coverage available to Income Support recipients under the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Health Program.
<b>Act:</b> (if applicable)	N/A
<b>Regulations:</b>	N/A
<b>Overview:</b> (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Health Plan</a> of the Department of Health and Community Services has four components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Children's Dental Program</li> <li>◦ Youth (13-17 years) Dental Program (Income Support)</li> <li>◦ Youth (13-17 years) Dental Program (Access Plan)</li> <li>◦ Adult Dental Plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• No out-of-province dental coverage is available under these programs.</li> <li>• In order to be eligible for coverage under the Income Support component, the recipient must be in receipt of basic Income Support benefits.</li> </ul>

[Children's Dental Program](#)

- Under this universal program of the Department of Health and Community Services, all children up to (and including) age 12 are eligible for:
  - 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>
<b>Policy:</b>	<p><b>Policy for the Income Support Component</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is no provision to pay for dental services through the Income Support Program.</li><li>• For the Income Support component the recipient must:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador</li><li>○ be in receipt of basic Income Support benefits (clients in receipt of an extended card are not eligible for the IS dental component), and</li><li>○ possess a valid MCP Registration Card.</li></ul></li><li>• 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.</li><li>• No out-of-province dental coverage is available.</li><li>• Routine extraction of erupted teeth, in hospital, is not covered by MCP or the Income Support Program.</li><li>• Special requests for dental services will be referred back to the dentist, who should contact the Dental Director at MCP.</li></ul>
<b>Procedure:</b>	<p><b>Procedures for the Income Support Component</b></p> <p>Client Services Officer must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• determine eligibility for Income Support</li><li>• select drug card coverage for the request which will trigger the production of the Ambulance/Dental card</li><li>• refer any special requests for dental services back to the dentist, who should contact the Dental Director at MCP.</li></ul>
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