

What is CINOT?

The Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) program is a partnership between the Ministry of Health, local municipalities and your local dentists. CINOT provides dental treatment to children in need of urgent care who come from families who do not have dental insurance and cannot afford the cost of the necessary dental treatment.

For eligible children, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit partially reimburses a local dentist for treatment provided under the program. The dentist absorbs the difference in payment between the Ontario Dental Association (ODA) fee schedule and the CINOT fee schedule.

Dentists may bill the parent/guardian directly (at the ODA fee) for treatment not covered by CINOT, providing the parent/guardian is notified prior to treatment. Dentists may not bill the parent/guardian for the difference for treatments that are covered by CINOT.



Who can use CINOT?

All children up to their 18th birthday are eligible for this program if:

- they meet the CINOT dental criteria
- the parents/guardians do not have dental insurance
- the parents/guardians cannot afford to pay for the necessary dental treatment.



What does CINOT pay for?

The program provides partial payment for basic dental care such as fillings, x-rays, removing teeth and root canals. It does not pay for braces, spacers and regular cleanings.

To prevent dental problems, qualified staff at the Health Unit offer professional cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants (if required) and individual oral hygiene instruction.

How does CINOT work?

During the school year, children in certain grades will have their teeth checked by the dental hygienist from the Health Unit. If a child is found to have a visual dental condition, such as decay, pain or a situation that is likely to cause pain in the future, the parent/guardian will be contacted.

For children not screened at school, screening by a dental hygienist is available at the Health Unit. Parents/guardians can call for an appointment.

If a child is eligible for the program, a form will be sent/given which must be returned to the Health Unit. This form is a declaration by the parent/guardian that there is no dental insurance and they cannot afford the cost of treatment.

Parents/guardians will be sent/given a claim form to bring to the dentist of choice once an appointment is scheduled.

Dentists will directly bill the Health Unit for covered treatment.

For more information, please call: Thunder Bay District Health Unit Preventive Dentistry Program at 625-5984 or in the district at 1-888-294-6630.



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**A program for children in
need of dental care and
financial help.**