## Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program provides high quality dental care to all seniors who qualify. Seniors are more prone to dental decay, gum disease and oral cancer than other groups, so it is important to have regular dental checkups. Untreated dental issues can lead to more problems in the future, including chronic disease.

If you are unable to afford dental care, this program may be for you.

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit facilitates access to service through the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program for the District of Thunder Bay. If you need assistance, or to access service after receiving your dental card, please call our Oral Health Program at (807) 625-5984 or toll-free 1-888-294-6630.

**Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program**
To find out more:
Call 416-916-0204
Toll-Free 1-833-207-4435
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# Free Routine Dental Care for Eligible Seniors

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## Who is eligible?

You may be eligible if you:

- Are 65 or older
- Are a resident of Ontario
- Have an annual net income of $25,480 or less for a single person or a combined annual net income of $42,290 or less for a couple
- Have no access to any other form of dental benefits (e.g. private insurance or other government program **except the Canada Dental Care Plan**)

## Where can I get dental care?

Dental care services are provided through Public Health Units and participating Community Health Centres (CHC), Aboriginal Health Access Centres (AHAC), as well as mobile dental clinics in some areas.

## What services are covered?

- Examinations and assessments
- Preventive services
- Restorative services to repair broken teeth and cavities
- X-rays
- Oral surgery to remove teeth or abnormal tissue
- Anaesthesia
- Endodontic services to treat infection and pain
- Periodontal services to treat gum conditions and diseases.

## What about dentures?

Prosthodontic services, including dentures, will be partially covered. Please speak to your local public health unit for more information.

## How do I apply?

There are several options available for applying for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program:

- Apply online at **ontario.ca/SeniorsDental**
- Print, fill out, and mail your application
- Visit your local Public Health Unit or participating CHC or AHAC to pick up an application form and/or get support with completing your application

## And if I need help?

If you have any questions about the application process, you can also call 416-916-0204
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## What happens if I am approved?

Once your application has been approved, you will be mailed a welcome package and a dental card. To receive services, present this card to the Public Health Unit, Community Health Centre, or Aboriginal Health Access Centre providing the service.

You will be notified each year of your eligibility for continued participation in the program, or about how to re-apply to the program if that is required.

To find out if you are eligible, visit **ontario.ca/SeniorsDenta**l or contact your local Public Health Unit.