

Healthy smiles Ontario

What is Healthy Smiles Ontario?

Healthy Smiles Ontario is a free dental program for eligible children and youth 17 and under.

As of January 1, 2016, programs included within Healthy Smiles Ontario are:

- Dental benefits for children under Ontario Works;
- Dental benefits for children under the Ontario Disability Support Program;
- Dental benefits for children under the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program;
- The Children In Need Of Treatment Program;
- Healthy Smiles Ontario; and
- Preventive oral health services provided by local public health units.

Who is eligible?

Children and youth 17 and under may be eligible if:

- They are residents of Ontario; and
- They are members of a household that meets the income eligibility requirements.

Note: Children 17 and under are automatically eligible and automatically enrolled in Healthy Smiles Ontario when they or their family receive: Ontario Works, Temporary Care assistance, Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities or the Ontario Disability Support Program. Children and youth with other dental insurance coverage are no longer automatically excluded.

How do I enroll?

- Go to ontario.ca/healthysmiles
- Call ServiceOntario INFOLine toll-free at 1-844-296-6306 (TTY toll-free at 1-800-387-5559)
- Your local public health unit can also help you enroll. Go to ontario.ca/healthysmiles to find out which public health unit serves your area

Once enrollment has been confirmed you will receive a Healthy Smiles Ontario dental card. The dental card must be presented to your dental provider at each visit to receive dental care under the program.

Where can my child access dental care including emergency dental care?

If you have a dentist, contact their office to find out if they participate in Healthy Smiles Ontario. If you do not have a dentist, contact your local public health unit for help. Go to ontario.ca/healthysmiles to find out which public health unit serves your area.

What services are covered?

Healthy Smiles Ontario covers regular visits to a licensed dental provider, such as a dentist or dental hygienist. It covers dental services including check-ups, cleaning, fillings, x-rays and scaling. Urgent or emergency oral health issues are also covered by Healthy Smiles Ontario.

Why is oral health important?

Cavities and gum disease can be painful and can lead to serious infections, affecting the growth of adult teeth. Pain can result in loss of sleep, affect a child's ability to eat and can impact a child's ability to learn and attend school. Good oral health is important for your child's self-esteem, sense of well-being and their overall health. Prevent oral health problems before they start!

More Information:

- Visit ontario.ca/healthysmiles
- Or call ServiceOntario INFOLine:

Toll-free: 1-844-296-6306

TTY toll-free: 1-800-387-5559

TTY Toronto only: 416-327-4282