

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Kids 17 and under may be eligible if:

- They are residents of Ontario;
- They are members of a household with an Adjusted Family Net Income of \$20,000 per year or below; and
- They do not have access to any form of dental coverage (including other government-funded programs, like Ontario Works).

To qualify, you will need to show the following documents*:

Applicants:

- Annual Goods and Services Tax Credit Entitlement Notice OR Annual Canada Child Tax Benefit and Ontario Child Benefit Notice (most recent tax year)
- Government-issued identification (valid Ontario Health Card, Passport, Certificate of Canadian Citizenship, Permanent Resident Card, Canadian Immigration Identification Card, OR valid Ontario Driver's License).
- Child's valid Ontario Health Card

*Note: if this documentation is not available, please contact your local public health unit.

To find out more about Healthy Smiles Ontario and what documents you will need in order to qualify, call the ServiceOntario INFOnline toll-free at 1-866-532-3161 (TTY toll-free at 1-800-387-5559), visit ontario.ca/healthysmiles or call your local public health unit. A listing of public health units can be found at ontario.ca/healthysmiles.

WHERE CAN MY CHILD ACCESS DENTAL CARE AS PART OF HEALTHY SMILES ONTARIO?

Once you have shown the required documentation and your child's eligibility has been confirmed, your local public health unit will outline the range of dental service options available in your community. They will provide you with a "client card" that you may take to a private dentist or dental hygienist in your area who is participating in the program. Your child may also be able to receive services through a local public health unit or community dental clinic. Of the options available in your community, the choice of dental provider will be yours to make.

HOW DO I ENROLL?

You need to contact your local public health unit to enroll. Your public health unit will assist you with the application process, which involves completing a form and showing required documentation.

WHAT SERVICES ARE COVERED?

The Healthy Smiles Ontario program covers regular visits to a licensed dental care provider, such as a dentist or dental hygienist, to establish and maintain good oral health. It covers a full range of preventive and early treatment dental services including check-ups, cleaning, fillings, x-rays, scaling and more.

WHAT SERVICES ARE NOT COVERED?

Orthodontics and cosmetic dentistry, including teeth whitening and braces are not covered by Healthy Smiles Ontario. Urgent or emergency oral health issues are not covered by Healthy Smiles Ontario. However, an urgent or emergency oral health issue for kids 17 and under may be covered through the Children In Need of Treatment (CINOT) program. Please contact your local public health unit or go to ontario.ca/cinot to find out if you qualify.

WHY IS ORAL HEALTH IMPORTANT?

Cavities and gum disease can be painful and may lead to serious infections, possibly affecting the growth of adult teeth. Pain can result in loss of sleep, impact on the ability to eat, and can affect a child's ability to learn and attend school. All of these can greatly affect a child's quality of life.

Good oral health is important for your child's self esteem, sense of well-being, and their overall health. Catch oral health problems before they start!



Good oral health is important to kids' overall health. Yet, for some, regular dental care may not be affordable. Healthy Smiles Ontario is a new program for kids 17 and under who do not have access to any form of dental coverage. If eligible, your kids will get regular dental services at no cost to you.

Healthy smiles Ontario

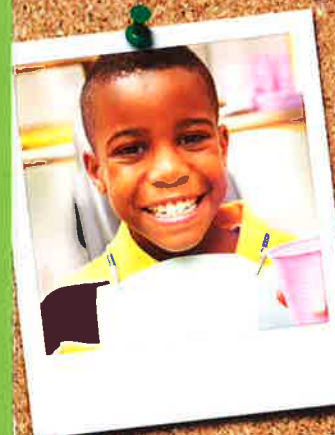
To find out more, call the ServiceOntario INFOline:

Toll-free: 1-866-532-3161
TTY toll-free: 1-800-387-5559
416-327-4282 (TTY Toronto only)
Core Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ontario.ca/healthysmiles

Renfrew County and District
Health Unit
Health Info Line
735-8666 or
1-800-267-1097, Ext 666

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for eligible kids 17 and under.