



Reduced-Fee Dental Care for Low-Income Clients

Who?

It's for adults and children in the Calgary Health Region with dental needs and who:

1. live on a **poverty-line income** (proof required)
and
2. have **no access to a group dental insurance** plan
If you opt out of your group dental plan, you will not be eligible for this program.

What?

It's basic dental care by qualified dentists, and it costs 20% of the normal fee.

- Some examples: check-ups (**\$11 – \$28**), X rays (**\$3** each), scaling (**\$32** per hour), fillings (**\$16 – \$48**), front tooth root canals (**\$81 – \$154**), extractions (**\$18 – \$50**).
- **Fees must be paid at each appointment. We accept cash or cheque only.**

What's not available?

We **do not** do crowns, bridges, veneers, full dentures, orthodontics or braces, molar root canals, periodontal surgery, complex or specialists' services.

Where?

At Calgary Health Region Community Dental clinics in Downtown (944-7117), NE Dental Clinic at Sunridge Mall (944-9999) and Airdrie (912-8484).

When?

The clinic hours are from 8 – 4:30, Monday – Friday, and also some evenings. Telephone the dental clinic before going.

How?

Before getting an appointment at the community dental clinic, people must:

- a) Complete an "**Income Assessment Form**"
- b) provide proof of low income (example: "**Notice of Assessment**" for previous year's tax return)
- c) show evidence of no access to dental plan (an "**Employer letter**" or "**College/University letter**").
- d) bring immigration papers if you lived in Canada for less than 5 years.

Registration times: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.
Telephone the dental clinic **before** going

Please note: The dental clinics are backlogged with patients and accept only a limited number of new adult patients per month.

What about Student Finance and Alberta Works?

If you are on Student Finance or Alberta Works and have dental pain, go to a private dentist. Student Finance has advised us that they cover the cost of needed emergency care at a private dentist. We do accept Student Finance and Alberta Works applicants for non-emergency care (Student Finance papers and Alberta Works card must be shown).

What about free dental care?

CUPS Health Centre provides free dental extractions for homeless clients on Saturdays. Call the CUPS clinic nurse during the week for information.

Read the other side of this paper for information about low income limits.

How much income is low-income?

It depends on your family size and total taxable income on Line 260 of your family's "**Notice of Assessment**" (income tax return)

Note:

'Family Size' is the number of adults and dependent children residing in the household.

Family Size	Section B Taxable Income	Section C Monthly Income
1	\$21,202	\$1,766
2	\$26,396	\$2,199
3	\$32,450	\$2,704
4	\$39,399	\$3,283
5	\$44,686	\$3,723
6	\$50,397	\$4,199
7+	\$56,110	\$4,675

Who is eligible for reduced-fee dental care:

1. People with no access to a group dental insurance plan.
 - If you opt out of your group dental plan, you will not be eligible for this program.
2. Total family income is less than the limit for your family size. Add up the taxable income total (Line 260) on "Notice of Assessment" for each family member 18 years old and over who live in the same house.
 - *if you do not have your Notice of Assessment you can phone 1-800-959-8281 and request an **Option C print out** be sent to you.*
3. People are not eligible for this program if they have been sponsored to come to Canada within the last 5 years (the sponsor is responsible for dental care costs).

If you have questions, please call Calgary Health Region Community Oral Health at 403-943-8130 or 403-22-TEETH (**403-228-3384**) or e-mail: community.dental@calgaryhealthregion.ca

Check our website: www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/programs/dental/index.html