

Dental Memo

To: All Dentists, Denturists and Dental Hygienists

Regarding: Adult Dental Plan changes Budget 2016

Date: April 15, 2016

Budget 2016 implemented the following change to the Adult Dental Plan:

Effective immediately, elimination of the Adult Dental Program (ADP) coverage for clients of the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Drug Program (NLPDP) under the Access and 65 Plus Plans.

The Adult Dental Program for beneficiaries enrolled in the Foundation Program of NLPDP will continue. For this client group, caps for basic services and dentures have not changed: Basic Services as listed in the ADP Payment Schedule will be eligible to an Annual Cap of \$300 and dentures will be eligible for a \$1,500.00 Annual Cap and must have a prior approval. As was previously the case there is no limit on extractions for Foundation Program clients.

Patients presenting with a valid MCP number as well as necessary identifiers showing enrollment in the Foundation Program at time of treatment will be eligible.

For members of the former Access and 65 Plus Dental Plan with basic service work in progress and completed prior to April 14; this work will be paid if invoiced within 90 days of service delivery. All denture services approved prior to April 14 and delivered before the expiration of the Prior Approval for that service will be honoured.

In terms of prior approval requests that were in the queue awaiting a prior approval only the requests for dentures for Foundation Plan beneficiaries will be processed. Prior Approval requests for Access Plan and 65Plus Plan beneficiaries will not be processed.

The Children's Program, Income Support Youth Program (Ages 13-17), Low Income Youth Program (Ages 13-17) and Surgical Dental Program are not affected by Budget 2016.

Confirmation of enrollment in the Foundation Plan or Youth Programs can be obtained by calling: 1-888-859-3535.

Confirmation of Annual Cap balance or coverage details can be obtained by calling: 1-800-440-4400.

When calling the above numbers please have the patient's MCP number ready as this will be required for identification.

Should you have further questions, please contact Ed Williams, Dental Director, Department of Health and Community Services 758-1503.