

About the Healthy Smiles Ontario Program

Healthy Smiles Ontario is a program that provides dental care at no cost to eligible children 17 years of age and younger.

Who is Eligible?

Children 17 years of age and younger are 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,
- they do not have access to any other form of dental coverage including other government-funded programs such as Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Children In Need Of Treatment (CINOT).

How to Enroll?

Please contact the Middlesex-London Health Unit, Oral Health Team at (519) 663-5317 ext. 2231 to discuss your family's eligibility and make an appointment for an assessment.

To be eligible, you will need to do the following:

- 1) Complete the "Healthy Smiles Ontario Program Application" form which can

be accessed and printed by visiting: ontario.ca/healthysmiles. It can also be provided by the Health Unit.

- 2) Provide the Oral Health Team at the Middlesex-London Health Unit with the following documentation:
 - "Annual Goods and Services Tax Credit Entitlement Notice" **OR** "Annual Canada Child Tax Benefit and Ontario Child Benefit Notice". (See back cover for additional information.)
 - Your child's Ontario Health Card with birth date. If your child's health card is unavailable, you must provide a piece of government issued identification for each child (eg: Passport, Citizenship Card, Permanent Resident Card, Birth Certificate from a Canadian Province or Territory, Driver's License)

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a household mortgage, rental or lease agreement **or** a utility (hydro/gas) bill.

- 3) A government issued photo identification for each parent (eg: Ontario Health Card with photo, Passport, Citizenship Card, Permanent Resident Card, Canadian Immigration Identification Card, Ontario Driver's License)

Once eligibility has been established, the Middlesex-London Health Unit will issue each child a "Client Card". You must inform the dental office that your child is

covered under the Healthy Smiles Ontario program and ensure they will accept this type of coverage. The "Client Card" is presented to the dental care provider in order to receive services under the Healthy Smiles Ontario program. The card must be renewed each year.

What services are covered?

- Regular dental visits (including checkups) to a licensed dental provider such as a dentist or dental hygienist
- Cleanings
- Fillings
- X-rays
- Scaling

What services are not covered?

- Cosmetic dentistry such as teeth whitening
- Orthodontics (braces)

If a child 17 years of age and younger has an urgent or emergency oral health issue, services may be covered under the Children In Need Of Treatment (CINOT) program. For more information about this coverage, please contact:

**Middlesex-London Health Unit
Oral Health Team
(519) 663-5317 ext. 2231**

Where can my child access dental care as part of Healthy Smiles Ontario?

Once the application process is complete, and the child has their "Client Card" you may take your child to any private dental practice that participates in the Healthy Smiles Ontario program, or have your child treated at the:

**Middlesex-London Health Unit
50 King Dental Treatment Clinic
50 King Street
London, ON N6A 5L7
(519) 663-5449**

Additional Information Regarding the Required Documentation

If you do not have access to your "Annual Goods and Services Tax Credit Entitlement Notice", please call the number below and request a copy be sent to you.

**Canada Revenue Agency
GST HST Credit Inquiries
1 800 959-1953**

If you do not have access to your "Annual Canada Child Tax Benefit and Ontario Child Benefit Notice", please call the number below and request a copy of the "Notice of Determination" be sent to you.

**Canada Revenue Agency
Canada Child Tax Benefit Inquiries
1 800 387-1193**

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