

Table 7. Public dental programming in British Columbia, 2005

Program	Eligibility	Services Covered	Utilisation	Service Environments	Administration	Expenditures \$(000)
Ministry of Human Resources (MHR)						
Dental Supplements (Employment and Assistance Regulations define a general dental supplement, crown and bridgework supplement, denture supplements, emergency dental and denture supplements, and orthodontic supplement)	All MHR clients entitled to emergency dental services MHR clients entitled to basic dental services: - Persons with Disabilities (PWD) \$1000/2yrs - Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB) \$500/2yrs - Person >65yrs who have retained income assistance eligibility \$500/2yrs - Spouses of PWD \$500/2yrs - Children <19yrs who are dependent on client of income or disability assistance \$700/yr	Different levels of coverage provided depending on income assistance designation - Emergency diagnostic, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgery services - Basic diagnostic, preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgery services - Orthodontic services	64,385/180,095	Dentist and denturist/private practices Pays for some GA care in-hospital Instances of balance billing	Centrally administered, adjudication and payment functions the responsibility of Pacific Blue Cross	22,750
Healthy Kids	- Children whose families are in receipt of premium assistance through MSP \$700/yr	As above, except orthodontic services	63,953/161,706			15,020
Ministry of Children and Family Development						
Medical Benefits Program, Dental Benefits Program for Children in Foster Care and Youth Agreements	- Children in foster care \$700/yr - Children in the home of a relative \$700/yr	As above, orthodontic benefits available to children in foster care	Approx. 10,000 eligible	As above	As above	2,500

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Ministry of Health Services						
Medical Services Plan (MSP)	<p>MSP covers specified dental services when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hospitalisation is medically required - Services are rendered by a specialist in oral medicine to a beneficiary with a severe systemic disease <p>Orthodontic services are provided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To those 20 years of age or younger, when service arises as part of or following plastic surgical repair in the treatment of severe congenital facial abnormalities 	Various oral surgical, oral medicine and pathology, dental technical, and orthodontic procedures	a	Specialists and generalists/hospitals, private anaesthesia clinics, private practices	Centrally administered	9,000 ^{b,c}
Preventive Dental Health Services	Children, their parents or caregivers, seniors in residential care, and persons with disabilities in group homes	Preventive services such as screening and education	d	Dental hygienists and assistants/ regional health units, schools, residential facilities	Regionally administered	3,500

^a Not reported

^b 5,400 is MSP budget proper, with 2,600 available for anaesthesia related to surgical-dental services, and 1,000 transferred to Provincial Health Services Authority for private anaesthesia clinic fees related to MHR covered children

^c Estimate

^d 45,000 preventive dental health services were delivered as per Ministry for Children and Families (2001) *Annual Report*. Government of British Columbia, ISSN 1488-4798.