

Table 11. Public dental programming in Ontario, 2005

Program	Eligibility	Services Covered	Utilisation	Service Environments	Administration	Expenditures \$(000)
Ministry of Community and Social Services						
Ontario Works	Based on an assessment of financial need; determined according to family size, income, assets, and shelter costs	Mandatory basic coverage for <18yrs, discretionary services for adults	Approx. 30% 382,961 eligible ^a	Dentists/private practices, hospitals	Centrally and regionally Funded 80:20 (province/municipality) for treatment, 50:50 for administration	65,500
Ontario Disability Support Program (Dental Special Care Plan)	Basic coverage for disabled recipient, spouse and dependent children; determined according to family size, income, assets, shelter costs, and individual circumstances of the benefit Special care available to eligible recipients whose dental needs result from their disability	Municipality determine service levels Basic diagnostic, preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgery services	294,354 eligible ^a		As above Adjudication and payment functions the responsibility of the Ontario Dental Association	
Assistance for Severely Disabled Children (ASDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be <18yrs living at home with a parent/legal guardian - Family income is evaluated to qualify - Child must have a severe disability - Extraordinary costs must be present which are incurred due to disability 	Basic diagnostic, preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgery services	24,338 eligible ^a		b	

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Ministry of Health Promotion						
Public Health Programs Child Health Program:						
Dental Indices Survey	Systematic sample of children 5, 7, 9, 13yrs; two age groups per year	Evidence based planning and decision making	NA	NA	Centrally and regionally administered	b
Elementary school screening	Grades 2, 4, 6, 8 in high risk schools; 2 and 8 in medium risk schools	Streamlines children into publicly financed care	b	Schools	Regionally administered	
Clinical Preventive Services	Grades 2 and 8 targeted for clinical preventive services	Topical fluoride and fissure sealants	8,685/35,599 ^c	Community clinics		
Educational resources	High risk schools, English as a Second Language teachers	In-services, literature, technical support	b	Schools		
Children in need of Treatment (CINOT)	Children <14yrs or end of grade 8 yr, whichever comes later; requires emergency or essential care; parents have no dental insurance and the cost of care would result in financial hardship	Includes diagnostic, preventive, restorative, prosthodontics, endodontic, oral surgery, and pays for adjunctive services such as general anaesthesia and conscious sedation	Approx. 30,800 children treated \$333 average costs per treatment	Dentists, dental hygienists, denturists/ private practice, community clinics, hospitals	Centrally and regionally administered Cost-shared between province and municipalities	10,559

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Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC)						
Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)	Insured surgical-dental services are prescribed under the Health Insurance Act	Includes repair of traumatic injuries, surgical incisions, excision of tumours and cysts, treatment of fractures, homeografts, implants, plastic reconstructions, and other specified dental procedures	72,900 services provided ^d	Specialists and generalists/hospitals	Centrally and regionally administered	9,200 ^d
Cleft Lip/Palate Craniofacial Program	MOHLTC reimburses max 75% of costs for cleft lip/palate program		>10,000 registered for cleft lip/palate program			(6,200 for cleft lip/palate program)

^a Government of Ontario (2005) *Ontario Social Assistance Quarterly Statistical Report*. Ministry of Community and Social Services, Social Policy Development Division, Statistical and Analysis Unit.

^b Not reported

^c Public Health and Epidemiology Reports (2001) "Dental Preventive Services Annual Reports." 12(10): 322-5.

^d Government of Canada (2004) *Canada Health Act Annual Report*. Canada Health Act Division, Health Canada.