

Table 9. Public dental programming in Saskatchewan, 2005

| Program | Eligibility | Services Covered | Utilisation | Service Environments | Administration | Expenditures \$(000) |
|------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|---|----------------------|
| Saskatchewan Health | | | | | | |
| Supplementary Health Program (SHP) | <p>Provides dental services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saskatchewan Assistance Plan (SAP) recipients nominated by Saskatchewan Community Resources and Employment - Wards of the state - Those in correctional institutions - Nominated persons >65yrs who are in special care homes or hospitals and whose income meets SAP levels | <p>Employable adults and spouses are eligible for emergency benefits for 6-months from the time of being nominated; then one becomes eligible for full benefits</p> <p>Children automatically qualify for full benefits</p> <p>Includes diagnostic, preventive, restorative, oral surgery, removable prosthodontics, limited endodontic, and orthodontic on a case by case basis</p> | 42,808 eligible | Dentists, dental therapists/private practice | Saskatchewan Health, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch | 4,636 |
| Family Health Benefits (FHB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An extension of SHP, assists recipients of Saskatchewan Child Benefit and/or the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement with dental care costs of children <18yrs | <p>Includes diagnostic, preventive, restorative, oral surgery</p> <p>Coverage is largely aimed at children, special cases for adults</p> | 59,679 eligible | <p>Dentists, dental therapists/private practice</p> <p>If covered by SHP, provider can balance bill FHB for the difference between SHP fee guide and the lesser of the usual and/or customary fee or professional fee guide</p> | | 2,452 |

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| Medical Services Plan | Insured surgical-dental services are those that are medically necessary and must be carried out in a hospital | Services include: oral surgery required in hospital as a result of trauma; treatment for infants with cleft palate; hospital-based dental care to support medical/surgical care (e.g., extractions when medically necessary); and surgical treatment for temporomandibular joint dysfunction. | 18,300 services 18 services/1000 beneficiaries \$1,336/1000 beneficiaries ^a | Specialists and generalists/hospitals, private practices | Saskatchewan Health, Medical Services Branch | 1,499 ^a |
| Dental Health Education Program Saskatoon and Prince Albert School-Based Children's Dental Program | General population, focus on preschoolers, children, youth, seniors Children 4-13yrs in Saskatoon and Prince Albert | Prevention and health promotion, targeted screening, fluoride mouth rinse and varnish | Approx. 30,000 eligible | Dental therapists, hygienists/primary health centres, schools, preschools, daycares | Regionally administered | 1,553 |
| Northern Health Regions' Children Dental Programs Keewatin Yatthé, Mamawetan, Athabasca Health Regions | General population, focus on preschoolers, children, youth, seniors Any child <16yrs | Basic diagnostic, preventive, restorative, oral surgery | Approx. 10,500 eligible | Dental therapists, assistants/primary health centres, schools, preschools, daycares | Regionally administered, federal consultation | 915 |

^a Government of Saskatchewan (2005) *Annual Statistical Report 2004-05*. Saskatchewan Health, Medical Services Branch.