

Canadian Dental Association



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Trusted Voice

Improving Access to Care

We are committed to ensuring that the federal government's Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) works effectively for both patients and oral health providers. Through active advocacy, we have secured key improvements—delivering tangible benefits for your practice and patients.

- **CDCP Advocacy Wins to Date**
 - ✓ **Creation of the Alternative Pathway:** Dentists can provide care without having to register with Sun Life as a provider
 - ✓ **Ability to Balance Bill:** Dentists can balance bill in the CDCP's terms and conditions. This means dentists can bill patients the difference between CDCP fees and the actual cost of services provided.
 - ✓ **Expanded Basket of Services:** More procedures are included under the CDCP, following our advocacy to better reflect comprehensive patient care needs.
- **Looking Ahead: Ongoing CDCP Advocacy Priorities**
 - ✓ Ensuring sustainable long-term funding for the CDCP
 - ✓ Streamlining the pre-authorization process to reduce administrative burdens in the CDCP
 - ✓ Protecting the importance of employer-sponsored dental benefits
 - ✓ Addressing issues related to Sun Life including claw backs and audits
 - ✓ Supporting dental schools in addressing the unintended consequences of the CDCP in dental education

Other Advocacy for Dentists and Patients

Beyond the CDCP, we continue to champion broader issues affecting the dental profession nationwide:

- ✓ **U.S. Tariffs:** Although the direct impact on dental practices is limited, we are actively advocating for core dental product exemptions to ensure continued access and affordability.
- ✓ **Restricting Marketing of Unhealthy Foods to Children:** Legislative efforts aimed at curbing unhealthy food marketing to children will need to be reintroduced following Parliament's prorogation. We are committed to supporting public health-driven policy.
- ✓ **Workforce challenges:** Advocating to address oral health human resources challenges, including retention, recruiting and training.
- ✓ **Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program:** We work to streamline predetermination processes and raise awareness of the NIHB program among providers to ensure improved access for Indigenous patients.

Representation on the Hill

- **Federal Budget Advocacy:** Ahead of each Federal Budget, the CDA submits recommended federal action on key dental priorities, such as workforce challenges, benefits access, and support for dentists.
- **Days on the Hill (DOTH):** DOTH is CDA's annual advocacy event to engage federal officials and keep oral health a national priority.

Valued Source of information

- **CDA Essentials** — CDA's official print and online publication, connecting the national association with the dental community through the delivery of news, issues, and clinically relevant content, published in English and French, in print and online.
- **Journal of the Canadian Dental Association (JCDA)** — Canada's only peer-reviewed dental journal, JCDA is an open-access publication that publishes original research articles indexed in Medline, Journal Citation Reports, and Science Citation Index.
- **CDA Oasis** — Our blog and video-interview platform that keeps dentists up-to-date on current or emerging clinical matters, issues, and technology impacting the dental profession.
- **CDA Newsletter** — A weekly digital newsletter that features items from CDA communications vehicles/publications, including videos and web posts, JCDA and CDA Essentials articles, and the latest content from the CDA's website and social media channels in one convenient location.

Benefit from Access to Prestige Programs and Resources

- **ISO/TC 106**, CDA hosts the international secretariat for the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) technical committee for dentistry (ISO/TC 106), helping to ensure that Canadian dental experts have a voice in developing international standards that contribute to improved global health.
- **CDA's Dental Career Options website**, (dentalcareeroptions.ca) is dedicated to helping dental students and early-career dentists explore the full range of career opportunities available to them throughout their professional journeys.
- The **CDA Seal Program** independently validates specific oral health benefit claims made by manufacturers of oral health products. Products that successfully complete our rigorous review process earn the right to display the CDA Seal and an accompanying statement on their packaging, labels, and promotional materials. This provides Canadian consumers and dentists with confidence that the claims associated with the Seal are scientifically supported and proven to deliver results.



www.cda-adc.ca/seal



Member Support

Practice Support Services

- **CDAnet and CDA ITRANS 2.0 Claims Service** — streamlines e-claims submission, provides immediate knowledge of the benefits payable, ensuring faster reimbursements and reduced administrative burdens. Convenient, secure, and saves time!
 - ✓ Cuts the wait time for patients to receive reimbursements from weeks to days.
 - ✓ Know the exact patient portion to collect at the appointments (after accepting assignment of benefits).
 - ✓ Electronically receive information about a patient's eligibility for coverage, required pre-determinations, claim errors, and more.
- **CDA Secure Send** — an easy electronic messaging service that allows dentists to exchange patient documents (such as X-rays).
 - ✓ Helps dentists to meet privacy obligations for the electronic transmission of patient information.
- **CDA Secure Send mobile app.** Use Secure Send from your iOS or Android device.
- **Get expert technical support**, available Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Call toll-free 1-866-788-1212.

Best-in-Class Insurance and Investments Solutions

CDSPI is a not-for-profit financial services organization created by dentists and governed by the CDA and participating provincial and territorial dental associations to support Canadian dentists. Receive exclusive access to:

- Private wealth management, a suite of low-fee, top-tier investment funds, and one-on-one, no-cost financial planning services from experts at CDSPI Advisory Services Inc.
- The Members' Assistance Program (MAP), which provides a variety of support and resources for any work, health, or life concern, including counseling, advice, and referrals.
- Special group rates for insurance programs, including life, disability, travel, and office insurance.

Visit www.cdspi.com or call **1-800-561-9401**.



Strong Profession

Shaping Better Oral Health Outcomes

CDA brings together subject matter experts to discuss clinical and practice issues facing our profession. Through committees, working groups, and partnerships with international bodies, the CDA:

- collects, analyzes, and shares national-level data and insights to support dentists in delivering informed, high-quality care.
- facilitates knowledge exchange, creating opportunities for dentists across the country to contribute to and benefit from pan-Canadian collaboration.
- produces Position Statements with supporting evidence and background information on a range of issues affecting oral health and dentistry.