The Adult Dental Program

Effective January 1st 2012

After considerable time and discussion, on January 1st 2012 Government will be rolling out the new Adult dental program. This program is not a knee jerk response to a request from us or any other group it is a well thought out program which will provide access to care to significant group of people who had to get past a financial barrier. I suggest that Government does “get it” they do understand the connection between overall health and oral health. It is great to work with people of like minds and have the same objective.

The Adult program is an extension or expansion to the Provincial Dental Program. It is what we used to refer to as the Children’s plan. In 2005 this program included a short list of codes for children under 13 years and the fee schedule was still using 1992 rates. In 2012 the program will include basic services to all age group based on eligibility.

Will include basic services
1. x-rays,
2. routine fillings
3. extractions
4. emergency exams, to deal with pain, infection and trauma
5. Dentures

To be covered an individual must qualify under
1. The Foundation Plan (income support)
2. The Access plan (low income people with the drug card with a family income of $42,000 or less)
3. The 65 plus plan (those who have the drug card are receiving OAS and GIS).

Will be included as part of or extension to the Provincial Dental Plan
1. The rates offered are the rates included in the MCP Payment Schedule effective April 1, 2010
2. The MOU and the Preamble apply.

The Access Plan

The Access Plan gives individuals and families with low incomes access to eligible prescription medications. The amount of coverage is determined by net income level and family status. The program is available to:

•families with children, including single parents, with net annual incomes of $42,870 or less;

•couples without children with net annual incomes of $30,009 or less;

•single individuals with net annual incomes of $27,151 or less.

How to apply: To apply for The Access Plan, you must complete an application form. Forms are also available at pharmacies and physician offices. You may also call 1-888-859-3535 and ask that an application be mailed to you.

There is also automatic eligibility for specified dental health care services for 13-17 year olds in families who qualify for The Access Plan. The services are administered under the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Health Program.

Information regarding the dental coverage can be obtained by calling 1-800-440-4405.
The 65Plus Plan

The plan provides coverage of eligible prescription drugs to residents 65 years of age and older who receive Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). Coverage does not include professional (i.e. dispensing) fees.

The Foundation Plan

The Foundation Plan provides 100 per cent coverage of eligible prescription drugs for those who need the greatest support. This includes persons and families in receipt of income support benefits through the Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment, and certain individuals receiving services through the Regional Health Authorities, including children in the care of Child, Youth and Family Services, and individuals in supervised care.

How to apply: No application is necessary. A Prescription Drug Program card is automatically issued when the Department of Health and Community Services is notified that an individual is in receipt of the above noted services.