

FREE DENTAL CARE

For recipients of last-resort financial aid (welfare) and their children



When you are receiving last-resort financial aid, to access treatments you must:

- Schedule an appointment with a dentist affiliated with RAMQ (ask the receptionist for more information).
- Bring your RAMQ card and your most recent claim booklet to every dental appointment.

Step 1 - Free Services for Recipients of LESS than 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, and their children*.



Only provided in emergency cases: severe pain, infection/abscess, or a tooth uprooted by accident. Be sure to clearly explain that it is an emergency when scheduling the appointment.

- Bleeding control
- Treatment of infections in teeth and gums (drainage of the tooth or gum)
- Tooth and root extractions, along with necessary aftercare
- Treatment of injuries to teeth or the mouth (e.g., palate, cheek, tongue)
- Reimplantation of a completely uprooted tooth.

Step 3 - Free Services for Recipients of MORE than 24 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, and their children*.

In addition to other treatments :

- Complete dentures every 8 years
- Partial acrylic dentures every 8 years
- Relining (refitting the interior) of a denture every 5 years
- Replacement of lost or irreparably broken dentures → half the cost covered
- Replacement of dentures following oral surgery
- Denture repairs

Step 2 - Free Services for Recipients of MORE than 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, and their children*.

- Annual examination
- Examination and treatment of emergencies
- X-rays and anesthesia
- Scaling (16 years and older) and polishing (12 years and older)
- Silver fillings for back teeth
- White fillings for visible front teeth
- Tooth and root extractions
- Prefabricated crowns
- Root canal treatment (12 years and younger)
- Fluoride application (ages 12 to 15)

1: When "Oui" is written, it means the patient is covered for everything listed in Step 2. Otherwise, the start date of Step 2 is indicated.

2: The start date of Step 3 is indicated here.

*Children aged 17 and under covered by RAMQ may also be eligible for the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP). Therefore, if certain treatments are not covered by RAMQ, they might be covered by the CDCP, even for dependents of last-resort financial assistance recipients.



DENTAL COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN



In Quebec, various programs cover dental care costs for children.

A child may be covered by two of these programs simultaneously:

- By RAMQ for children aged 9 and under, and for dependents of last-resort financial assistance recipients.
- By the IFHP (Interim Federal Health Program) for children with refugee or asylum-seeker status.
- By the Canadian Dental Care Plan for eligible children aged 17 and under.
- By the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program for Indigenous and Inuit communities.
- By private insurance.

CHILDREN AGED 9 AND UNDER

FREE VIA RAMQ CARD (Health Insurance Card)

- A comprehensive exam once every 365 days
- Examination and treatment of emergencies
- X-rays and anesthesia
- Silver fillings for back teeth
- White fillings for front teeth
- Prefabricated crowns
- Tooth and root extractions
- Surgery
- Root canal treatment

NOT FREE VIA RAMQ but covered by the Canadian Dental Care Plan for enrolled children or some private insurance plans:

- Cleaning and scaling
- Fluoride application
- Pit and fissure sealants

NOT FREE VIA RAMQ but covered by some private insurance plans:

- Orthodontics (e.g., braces, palate expanders, space maintainers)



CHILDREN AGED 10 TO 17 YEARS

Since June 2024, eligible children aged 17 and under are covered by the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP). Covered treatments are paid directly by the CDCP to the dentist, based on a percentage determined by the parents' income. Parents only need to cover the difference.

You must follow the steps to register your child with the CDCP to receive the membership card.

Before scheduling an appointment, ensure the dentist is participating in the plan.



Examples of services covered by the CDCP:

- Exams, cleanings, X-rays, fluoride treatments, sealants...
- Cavity repairs (fillings)
- Root canal treatment
- Deep cleaning below the gum line, abscess treatment
- Posts, crowns (with prior authorization)
- Tooth and root extractions
- Removable dentures, denture repairs
- Anesthesia