

# Dental services coverage

The Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec pays the cost of certain services provided by dentists and denturists.

Some services are covered for everyone. Others are covered only for children under age 10 and for persons who have been recipients of last-resort financial assistance for a specific length of time.



## For everyone

In **hospitals**, every insured person is entitled to certain oral surgery services in the event of **trauma or an illness**. The services are provided free of charge upon presentation of a valid Health Insurance Card.

For example:

- drainage of an abscess
- removal of a cyst or tumour
- reduction of a fracture

The related examinations, local or general anesthesia and X-rays are also covered.

### EXCLUDED

The costs related to tooth and root extractions are not covered by the Régie.

## For children under age 10

In **dental clinics or hospitals**, children under age 10 receive the following services free of charge upon presentation of their valid Health Insurance Card:

- one examination per year
- emergency examinations
- x-rays (including panoramic x-rays)
- local or general anesthesia
- amalgam (grey) fillings for posterior teeth
- fillings using esthetic materials (white) for anterior teeth
- prefabricated crowns

- endodontics (including root canal treatment, apexification, pulpectomy, pulpotomy, emergency opening of the pulp canal and sedative dressings)
- tooth and root extractions
- the oral surgery services covered for all

### EXCLUDED

The costs related to cleaning, scaling, fluoride application, and pit and fissure sealing are not covered by the Régie for children under age 10.

## For recipients of last-resort financial assistance (LRFA) and their dependants

The Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale determines the conditions for entitlement to covered services. For further information, please contact your local employment centre. To receive covered services, you must present your valid Health Insurance Card, as well as your valid family or personal claim slip (carnet de réclamation).

### RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE FOR AT LEAST 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS

Persons who have been receiving last-resort financial assistance for at least 12 consecutive months and their dependants are entitled to the same services as those covered for children under age 10. The only exceptions are root canal treatment and apexification, which are covered only for children under age 13.

In addition to the covered services, coverage extends to the following:

- cleaning of teeth and teaching hygiene procedures, from age 12
- application of fluoride, age 12 to 15 inclusive
- scaling, from age 16

In emergencies only, certain services may be provided free of charge to persons who have been recipients of last-resort financial assistance for less than 12 months.

### **RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE FOR AT LEAST 24 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS**

In addition to the other services, coverage includes one lower **acrylic** dental prosthesis and one upper **acrylic** dental prosthesis every 8 years. The Régie also pays for:

- one re-coating every 5 years
- half the cost of replacing lost or damaged dental prostheses
- replacement of prostheses following surgery

You must obtain written authorization from a local employment centre to obtain coverage for the above services. The authorization must then be presented to the dentist or dentist.

The following services are also provided free of charge:

- repair of prostheses
- addition of a structure

The cost of removable partial dentures with a metal framework is not covered by the Régie.

### **SERVICES NOT COVERED**

The following services must be paid by the patients, regardless of their age, situation and the place where the service is provided:

- orthodontics (e.g. installation of braces, palatal expansion, space maintainer, etc.)
- apicoectomies
- periodontics, i.e. root planing, gum grafts, periodontal surgery, etc
- recementing and crowns other than prefabricated
- bleaching
- veneers
- dental implants
- pit and fissure sealants

### **MAKE SURE THAT:**

- your dentist accepts the Health Insurance Card as payment. A number of dentists do not accept the card because they do not participate in the Health Insurance Plan. If the dentist is a non-participant, you will have to pay for the cost of any services outlined here and the Régie will not reimburse you.
- your Health Insurance Card is valid. Otherwise, you will have to pay the dentist and subsequently apply to the Régie for a reimbursement.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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