

Our guide to dental care in Victoria for people receiving disability assistance

Here we describe dental policy for those receiving PWD assistance and list local dentists who have said that they will bill the MSP program directly, at rates accepted by the government.

Please note: Although the BC government provides limited coverage for dental costs for persons receiving Persons With Disabilities assistance (PWD) and Income Assistance, **they will not reimburse you if you pay for those services in cash**– even if you have paid government-approved rates. **You must get the dentistry professional to bill the government directly.**

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Ministry Policy: Normally, adults receiving PWD assistance may claim up to \$1,000 for dental expenses over two calendar years (calculated as beginning on January 1st every odd-numbered year). This includes basic dental problems (i.e., cleanings and fillings), partial dentures, and, depending on the external circumstances, sometimes crowns and bridges. If you have a spouse, they may also claim up to \$1,000 for dental expenses. If you have a child under the age of 19, then they may claim up to \$2,000 over the same period.

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Please keep in mind that some places will charge more than what the MSP program covers, and you will need to cover the remainder after deductions.

Bakerview Dental Centre
6111 Patricia Bay Highway
250 652 2222
<https://bakerviewdentalcentre.com/>

Cool Aid Dental Clinic
713 Johnson Street, 2nd Floor

250 383 5957

<https://coolaid.org/our-services/lives/health-dental/>

Cresta Dental Centre
28 – 3170 Tillicum Road
250 384 7711
www.crestadental.ca

Dr. Erin Kotelko
280-174 Wilson Street
250 381 0028
<http://vicwestdentistry.com/>

Additional Dental Services and Offers

Camosun Dental Clinic

Organization Description: Camosun offers high-quality dental care at a low price as a way to train students to become dental technicians.

Location: 3100 Foul Bay Road, Open September to April

Cost: \$60 for the first visit, \$40 for a returning visit

Note: Camosun will not bill directly to your insurance provider; however, some people receiving PWD or IA assistance opt to pay from their own funds for these reduced-rate services in order to avoid cutting into their 2-year government dental allotment.

Dentistry from the Heart

Organization Description: Once a year, usually around April 27th, participating dentists across the world give out free dentistry to those who need it – often including free follow-up appointments if medically necessary.

Location: Check your local dentistry office if participating. Previous participants include:

- Academy Dental, 130 – 31 Helmcken Road
- Academy Dental, 6689 Sooke Road

- Focus on Dental Hygiene, 141 Menzies Street
- Ross Carpo, 206-4400 Chatterton Way

Cost: Free!