

Community Dental Partner Program (CDPP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

❖ WHAT IS COMMUNITY DENTAL PARTNERS (CDPP) PROGRAM?

CDPP program, managed by BC Children's Hospital, PHSA, provides funding to help pay the cost of facility anesthetic fees for children whose parents or guardians receive BC MSP premium assistance, and to eligible adults with mental or physical disabilities.

A triage and post-treatment review process is followed to ensure every patient is receiving care according to established criteria and standards of care. CDPP Program funding is available for families with children aged 2-10 years in the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Healthy Kids Dental Program. Children in the Healthy Kids Dental program aged 11 years and older, and Ministry's adult clients with mental and/or physical disability may be eligible for CDPP if all program and treatment facility criteria is fulfilled, and provided they are under ASA II Status and have a diagnosed co-existing medical condition noted on the form.

❖ WHAT IS AN ASA STATUS AND HOW IS IT DETERMINED?

The ASA (American Society of Anesthesiology) score is a metric to determine if someone is healthy enough to tolerate surgery and anesthesia. ASA is used in preparation for surgery to help predict risks in a given patient. ASA status is determined by the Anaesthetist prior to authorizing a patient's treatment. Only ASA I and ASA II status patients are eligible for CDPP.

Physical Status Classification System: 1) ASA I- A normal healthy patient; 2) ASA II- A patient with mild system disease (no substantive functional limitations preventing treatment at an approved CDPP facility; Example: severe asthma, autism). Source: American Society of Anesthesiologists, ASA Physical Status Classification System.

❖ WHY ARE THE RETURNING TRIAGE FORMS SECURED AS A LOCKED PDF?

BC Children's Hospital maintains and adheres to guidelines around patient confidentiality. Triage forms are received and processed via email only. Fax is no longer monitored or accepted. All outgoing triage correspondence (approved/rejected triages) will be secured with a password. Please DO NOT share this password for privacy and security reasons. If you no longer have the password, please email CommunityDentalProg@cw.bc.ca

❖ WHAT IS THE TRIAGE PROCESSING TIME FRAME?

Triage forms are only authorized and valid for the month in which the treatment is scheduled, with the exception of the treatment dates that occur in the first week of the following month, - those triages would be processed in the last week of each month. Triage forms are processed within 3-5 business days from the date they are received. If a request is urgent, (surgical date is < 3 business days), please mark the email as "High Importance" and/or include URGENT in the email subject.

Revised: JAN 2023

For any questions about the CDPP Program, please email triage administrators at:

communitydentalprog@cw.bc.ca