

Introduction

Children born with Ectodermal-Ectodactyly-Clefting Syndrome (EEC) or Ectodermal Dysplasia(ED) require significant dental intervention as a part of the overall treatment plan. In addition to routine dental care, these children require timely orthodontic, oral surgery and prosthodontic services.

To assist families with the financial burden of care, an annual allotment has been made available to subsidize **dental care, excluding orthodontic treatment.**

This fund **will not** cover costs otherwise covered by the MSP Cleft Palate Orthodontic Program or that care which is covered by a private dental insurance provider.

Who is eligible to receive funding assistance?

Any child who has a confirmed diagnosis of:

- Ectodermal-Ectodactyly-Clefting Syndrome (EEC), **or**
- Ectodermal Dysplasia (ED)

The child must:

- be a Canadian citizen, or a permanent landed immigrant and a resident of British Columbia, **and**
- hold a valid BC Medical Services Plan Health card, **and**
- meet the patient population criteria, **and**
- not be older than 20 years of age at start of dental treatment, **and**
- have good oral hygiene as documented by the treating dental professional

Will other children be considered?

A child who has a complex cleft/craniofacial medical condition that requires significant dental intervention to achieve rehabilitation **may** be considered on an individual basis depending on availability of funds.

There will be a lifetime funding limit of \$15,000 per patient for such patients.



How are applicants selected?

Suitability will be determined by the BCCH Pediatric Dental Head in consultation with the Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Team members.

How does the Program work?

- The treating dentist or dental specialist will submit a request which includes:
 - a consultation letter indicating the diagnosis, assessment & treatment plan and clinical photographs
 - estimated cost of treatment
 - radiographs must be available upon request
- Completed submission to be mailed to:
**Administrative Manager
Pediatric Surgery
BC Children's Hospital
Room K4-219
4480 Oak Street
Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4**
- Private & government dental insurance, and coverage provided by the First Nation and Inuit Health Branch/ Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) will **precede** funding through this program
- Only completed applications will be considered
- Treatment providers must be licensed dental practitioners in the province of British Columbia

For additional information, please contact the Pediatric Surgery Administrative Manager,
604-875-3518



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