

## ***Excluded Services***

- General dental work including fillings and preventative services such as cleanings.
- Treatment of any pre-existing dental disease not directly related to one of the medical conditions listed under Program Eligibility Criteria in this brochure.
- Dental or orthodontic treatment that is cosmetic or not directly related to the provision of an oral surgical procedure.
- Upgraded dental services requested by the patient as a substitute to services already approved for funding.
- Dental treatment required due to lack of compliance with treatment protocols prescribed by the treating specialist.
- Goods or services that are deemed by the program administration to be experimental, the subject of clinical trials, inappropriate in view of the patient's condition, non-compliant with accepted standards of practise, or not endorsed by the Alberta Dental Association and College.
- Dental implants required as a result of radiation decay (i.e., dental implants not required as a direct result of, or in conjunction with, an insured oral surgical procedure).
- Replacement of prostheses, appliances or dental implants.
- Local anaesthesia and general and neurolept anaesthesia where administered by a dentist (including any related facility fees).
- Subsistence, travel/mileage and accommodation costs for the person receiving eligible goods and services under the program and anyone who accompanies that person.
- Services provided to patients not entitled to coverage under the AHCIP.

## ***Important Information***

The OMDS Program is designed to supplement third party coverage, and is not intended as an alternative to it.

Treatment plans and claims are to be submitted to a third party insurer before being submitted the Program. Proof of coverage from the insurer or any other government programs/agencies must be presented when submitting claims to the OMDS Program.

This brochure is intended to be a general guide about the Oral and Maxillofacial Devices and Services Program; coverage is subject to change from time to time. Final funding decisions will be based on the contents of the relevant Ministerial Order, available from your service provider or the program administrator.

For more detailed information on the OMDS Program, contact the program administration at:

OMDS Program

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# ***What is the OMDS Program?***

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The Oral and Maxillofacial Devices and Services (OMDS) Program covers some high-cost dental treatments required in conjunction with a surgical procedure covered by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP).

## ***Coverage under the Program***

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Only those dental services that are required in conjunction with an insured oral surgical procedure may be considered for coverage under the OMDS Program. High cost dental services eligible for funding include:

- Dental pre-surgical work-up;
- Anaesthesia administered by a physician and facility fees not insured by the AHCIP;
- Dental implants;
- Orthodontic services;
- Prosthodontic services required to maintain oral function and nutritional status; and
- Dental services required for temporomandibular joint replacement surgery.

## **Program Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for benefits, the patient must:

- Require high-cost dental treatment in conjunction with an insured oral surgical procedure covered under the AHCIP;
- Have been diagnosed with one of the following conditions where oral manifestation is present and conventional dental rehabilitation is not possible:
  - a severe syndromic congenital abnormality (birth defect);
  - a severe acquired abnormality;
  - trauma to the facial skeleton, including loss of jawbone and teeth;
  - malignant or non-malignant tumour requiring surgery; or
  - severe temporomandibular joint disorder (TMJ) requiring TMJ replacement;
- Be registered and entitled to coverage under the AHCIP;
- Have the insured oral surgical procedure performed in Alberta, unless extenuating circumstances exist or the services are not available in Alberta;
- Not have access to, or have exhausted, third party coverage and all other provincial and federal benefit programs;
- Be cancer-free for a period of two to five years (subject to limited exceptions); and
- Be referred to the OMDS program by an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, or in exceptional cases, by a specialist physician or orthodontist.

## **General Program Information**

- Treatment plans must be approved by the program administration before funding is provided.
- Alberta Health and Wellness may require additional information prior to approving treatment plans.
- Applications must be submitted for funding within one year of the device or services being provided, unless there are extenuating circumstances warranting special consideration.
- The Program covers only the initial cost of the appliance. Replacement, maintenance and repairs are the financial responsibility of the patient.
- Only dental treatments performed by certified dental specialists recognized by the Alberta Dental Association and College are eligible for funding.
- Payment will be made based on a standard benefit schedule or a service provider's fees, whichever is less.
- Funding approved for a specific dental service cannot be applied to another dental service.
- The referring specialists must submit a detailed treatment plan and costs, including treatment plans provided by other dentists.
- Approval for coverage may be withdrawn if a patient does not comply with treatment protocols.