

Canadian Dental Care Plan

Régime canadien de soins dentaires

Overview of April 2026 updates to the Canadian Dental Care Plan Dental Benefits Guide and Benefit Grids

As part of an annual update cycle, the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) Dental Benefits Guide and CDCP Dental Benefit Grids will be updated on April 1, 2026.

The CDCP fees are increasing on this date and new grids for each profession and province/territory will be available on the [Sun Life Website](#). CDCP fees are reassessed annually to reflect new scientific evidence, inflation, and cost changes over time.

Additionally, some adjustments will be made to the CDCP basket of service, effective April 1, 2026. More details will be available in the updated [CDCP Dental Benefits Guide](#). Here is an overview of those changes.

Note : All codes provided in this document are to help with understanding the changes. The [CDCP Benefit Grids](#) remain the definitive source.

Change	Description
Commercial laboratory fees (increase)	<p>There will be a moderate increase in the amount that can be reimbursed by the CDCP for commercial laboratory fees. No retroactive or grandfathering provisions will apply.</p> <p>This will apply to all codes through which a commercial lab fee is billed.</p>
Desensitization codes (schedule change)	<p>All desensitization services will now require preauthorization (previously 2 units could be billed without preauthorization).</p> <p>For ACDQ: 41306 and 41307 For CDA: 41301 and 41302 For CDHA: 00641, 00642. Additionally, the code for a half unit (00647) will be published in the grids. For FDSQ: 41305 periodontists</p>
Complete immediate dentures (schedule and frequency changes)	<p>Certain types of complete immediate dentures will no longer require preauthorization. They will be grouped into the same frequency (once per lifetime) as provisional/transitional complete dentures which are already available without preauthorization.</p> <p>For situations where a client requires dentures following extractions, a provider can determine whether to provide a transitional/provisional denture, or an immediate denture (not both). These would be available within a combined frequency limit of one prosthesis per arch per lifetime. The client</p>

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	<p>would be eligible for a standard denture or overdenture 6 months after the transitional/provisional denture, or 96 months after an immediate denture.</p> <p>For ACDQ: 51300, 51310, 51320 For CDA: 51301, 51302, 51303 / 51611, 51612, 51613 For DAC: 31311 and 31321 / 31511 and 31521 For FDSQ: Prosthodontists: 51305, 51315, 51325</p>
<p>Denture liners (new codes available)</p>	<p>Additional types of denture liners will be available without preauthorization.</p> <p>For CDA: 51104 and 56601 For DAC: 73008, 32318, 32328, 42318, 42328, 32510, 32520, 42516, 42526 For FDSQ: Prosthodontists 56226</p>
<p>Periapical radiographs (new codes available)</p>	<p>Dental hygienists will be able to claim the codes for radiographs (7 and 8 images, periapicals) without preauthorization. This is an administrative change that will enable dental hygienists to submit claims more accurately.</p> <p>For CDHA: 00227 and 00228</p>
<p>Sedation codes (alignment to 2025 USC&LS codes)</p>	<p>The grids will be updated on April 1, 2026, to align with the changes made to sedation codes in the 2025 USC&LS.</p>
<p>Previously implemented December 2025 changes</p>	<p>The changes implemented in December 2025 were reflected in the CDCP Dental Benefits Guide, but not in the CDCP Benefit Grids (for example, the change to remove same/different provider and provider office from consideration of exam frequency limits).</p> <p>On April 1, 2026, the CDCP Benefit Grids will be fully up to date with both the December 2025 and the April 2026 changes.</p>