

Here's what we know about the Federal Government Dental Care Plan (CDCP) and orthodontic coverage.



Follow the link to the Federal Government website to learn more.

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The program isn't available yet.

Right now, orthodontic treatment is not covered under the CDCP. It is not known when (or if) it will begin.

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This is a Federal program.

Orthodontists are not involved in creating or managing the CDCP. All decisions about eligibility and coverage are made by the government.

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We don't know exactly who will qualify.

The government has not released full details yet. Early signs suggest that only those with the most complex cases may be eligible. The selection criteria for these cases is not yet known.

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You would not be eligible if you have private insurance.

The CDCP is for people who don't have any access to dental benefits through work, school, or family.

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Approval will be required before starting treatment.

If orthodontic coverage is offered in the future, you will need to apply and be approved before beginning treatment. The government has not indicated how long their approval process will take before treatment can start.

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CDCP would not fully cover your treatment costs.

The amount covered by the program will likely be less than the full cost of the treatment. Your orthodontist can work with you to arrange a payment plan for any remaining balance.

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Don't wait to start treatment if you need it.

Postponing care could affect your oral health, and there's no guarantee funding will become available. Speak with your orthodontist about how delaying treatment would affect your care.