

Canadian Dental Care Plan

Régime canadien de soins dentaires

Commercial Laboratory Fees Reimbursement Update

What's new?

As of October 17, 2025, the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) has set limits on how much the plan covers for commercial laboratory fees to ensure sound management of public funds.

As of April 1, 2026, there will be an increase in the portion of the commercial lab fees that will be covered by the plan.

What does this mean for you?

Your bill for oral health services is finalized on the date the service is provided.

Given the new limits introduced on October 17, 2025, CDCP members may have seen an increase in their out-of-pocket expenses if the laboratory fee portion of their bill is higher than the maximum amount the CDCP will cover. As with all services under the plan, CDCP members will have to pay any amount not covered directly to their oral health provider.

Due to the increase effective April 1, 2026, if you have treatment completed on or after that date, you may pay a lower cost than your estimate given it was provided between October 17, 2025 and March 31, 2026.

How will this change affect your coverage?

If the commercial laboratory fee is higher than the amount the CDCP will cover, you will have to pay the difference. This may happen even if a pre-approved estimate initially indicated you would have to pay a different amount. This cost is in addition to your co-payment amounts, if a co-payment is applicable to you.

Before receiving treatment, you should discuss with your provider to make sure you understand your coverage and the portion of any fees you may have to pay. Your provider can submit a new estimate; however, it will add delays to your planned treatment.

For any questions, please contact the Sun Life CDCP Contact Centre at 1-888-888-8110.