

DH's Community Dental Support Programme provides subsidised dental services for underprivileged over all 18 districts in Hong Kong

The Department of Health (DH) officially launched the Community Dental Support Programme (CDSP) today (May 26) to provide additional government-subsidised dental services to the underprivileged with financial difficulties. The CDSP is expected to provide a service capacity of at least double that of the current service quotas of dental general public sessions at government dental clinics (i.e. about 40 000 participants every year). Currently, 32 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are participating in the CDSP, providing nearly 80 dental service points that cover all 18 districts in Hong Kong.

Service users of the CDSP must be a holder of a Hong Kong identity card, be enrolled in the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHealth), and be a current beneficiary or recipient of any of the following measures:

- Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
- Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly (Level 2 of co-payment category) of the SWD;
- Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS (Frail Cases)), or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) or Home Support Services (HSS) (Level 1 or Level 2 fee charge or co-payment category) of the SWD; or
- Patients of the Hospital Authority (HA) who have been provided Medical Fee Waiver (full waiving and partial waiving) of the HA.

Under the CDSP, each service user can apply for subsidised dental services once every 180 days. Subject to the assessment by the attending registered dentist, a service user will be provided with specified subsidised dental services, including:

1. oral health assessment;
2. medication for dental pain relief (when necessary);
3. X-ray examination;
4. dental filling or extraction, with each tooth counted as a "Teeth Filling/Extraction Quota".

Each service user is required to pay an administration fee of \$50 directly to the NGO for each tooth (teeth filling or teeth extraction services), that is, a maximum fee of \$150 is required (treatment for a

maximum of three teeth will be provided for every 180 days). If the service user receives IHCS (Frail Cases), EHCCS or HSS (Level 1 fee charge or co-payment category) of the SWD, or is eligible under the Medical Fee Waiver (full waiving) of the HA (including recipients of OALA aged 75 or above), the Government will subsidise the administration fee in full. While current beneficiaries of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme under the SWD may apply for the CDSP for the above-mentioned subsidised dental services, they can also make use of the dental grants under the CSSA to receive comprehensive dental services.

Interested and eligible persons can refer to the list of NGO dental clinics participating in the CDSP on the DH's [thematic webpage](#). They can then select and contact a clinic of their choice to make an appointment for the services. Individuals can contact the registered social worker of their case for enquires about their eligibility for the CDSP.

Through the eHealth app, service users can check their consultation records, including consultation date and treatment items. Later this year, relevant electronic oral health records will also be available through the e-Health app for service users to better understand and monitor their dental conditions.

The Government formulated the Oral Health Action Plan according to the development strategies and recommendations made by the Working Group on Oral Health and Dental Care in December 2024. The CDSP is an initiative that focuses on providing subsidised dental services to the underprivileged who have difficulties in accessing dental care.

For more information about the CDSP, please visit the DH's CDSP [webpage](#).