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Ministry of Housing and Social Development

Healthy Kids Program

- The Healthy Kids Program helps low-income families with costs associated with basic dental care and prescription glasses for their children.
- Dependent children **under 19** years of age, in families approved for premium assistance by the Medical Services Plan (MSP) through the Ministry of Health Services, are automatically registered with the Healthy Kids Program.

Coverage under the Healthy Kids Program

- Dental- Children are eligible for \$1400 of basic dental services every two years. This coverage includes services such as exams, x-rays, fillings, cleanings and extractions. Dentists can advise families of other services that may be covered.
- Optical - Children are eligible for prescription eyeglasses (lenses and basic frames) once in a twelve-month period. Children's eye examinations are covered by MSP.

How to access services under the Healthy Kids Program

Before any dental or optical services begin, families need to show their child's BC CareCard to their dentist or eye specialist who will confirm the child's eligibility under the Healthy Kids Program.

- The Province pays dentists and eye specialists directly for the services children receive.
- Additional charges over and above what the Healthy Kids Program will cover are the responsibility of the family.

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