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Huu-ay-aht First Nations Dental Policy

**1. Effective date: April 1 ,2011
Amended date March 6, 2026**

2. Policy

Objective

Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) is committed to providing financial support to help alleviate the financial burden of dental fees that are not covered under the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) or any medical plan that a Huu ay aht citizen may have benefits coverage under.

This policy ensures that:

- Funding can be accessed by citizens for dental services that are not covered through FNHA, the Ministry of Social Development, Extended Health insurance, or services that are not normally covered by other programs (BC government/extended health benefits or ICBC)
- Citizens can access funding for dental work that is over \$200.00 per family. Employed families are only eligible for 50% coverage of this dental expense. This is one time funding per fiscal year.
- Huu ay aht will ensure the privacy of all personal information and will manage this information securely, ethically, and transparently, with respect for individual and collective privacy rights. Non-citizens, such as external individuals or organizations have no right of access but may be granted information at the government's discretion, subject to governance rules and agreements

Statement

This policy applies to all Huu ay aht citizens over the age of 18 and a parent, guardian or individual with legal decision-making authority of a minor Huu ay aht child under the age of 18

This policy ensures that:

- dental assistance may be approved for procedures that are medically necessary to support basic health and function, including but not limited to
- Extractions required to prevent infection or pain
- Fillings for cavities affecting the ability to eat
- Treatment of dental infections or abscesses
- Dentures, partial, or repairs essential for chewing and adequate nutrition
- Other non-cosmetic procedures deemed medically necessary by a licensed dental professional



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- 3. Authority & Application:** This policy is issued under the authority of the Executive Director, pursuant to the Citizen Development Regulations, and any other applicable Huu ay aht laws and regulations governing the protection of personal information.

Eligibility:

- A Huu ay aht citizen
- HFN will be the last resort payer
- Point of contact with the applicant is the Citizen Health Coordinator or Director of Community Citizen Services
- Receipts are required and cannot be more than 30 days old

HFN Laws

Both the HFN Financial Administration Act and the HFN Purchasing Policy and Citizen Development Regulations apply to this policy. The HFN Council is responsible for approving the budget for the dental program. Expenditure must be maintained with the current fiscal year's Budget Act

4. Policy Requirements

- This policy does not apply to non-Huu ay aht citizens
- A treatment plan or written statement from a licensed dental provider describing the necessary procedures
- An itemized estimate of the costs
- Any additional documentation required to determine eligibility

5. Exceptions/ Appeals

Exceptions can be made in extreme circumstances (where a person's health will be severely compromised without the aid, e.g. (medical equipment and supplies or emergency dental work) the final decision resides with the Executive Director

6. What is not covered by this Policy

Ineligible Dental Services:

- Cosmetic dental procedures, including whitening, veneers, bonding, or aesthetic enhancements
- Orthodontic treatment for cosmetic purposes
- Elective or non-medically necessary procedures
- Any service not directly related to maintaining the ability to eat safely and remain healthy.



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Authority- Citizen Development Committee (CDC)

CDC is responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and ensuring that implementation of the policy is implemented. The CDC will:

- Approving the policy
- Ensuring monitoring of the policies and procedures are occurring yearly to ensure that the safety and well-being of citizens is being met.
- Keep the policy updated and
- Identify any amendments that are required

The Executive Director is responsible for ensuring the appropriate department is implementing, monitoring, and evaluating the policy.

The Community and Citizen Department is responsible for the full implementation of the policy, including the monitoring and evaluation of the policy.

Appendixes

Dental policy application
Declaration