

# Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision

## A DENTAL AND VISION PLAN FOR CHILDREN OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES



### Good oral and visual health are important for children

Healthy teeth and eyes are an extremely important part of a child's overall health and development.

Brushing with toothpaste that has fluoride, flossing and visiting a dentist regularly can help a child maintain healthy teeth and gums.

All children should have complete eye health exams each year by an optometrist, starting at age three, to help ensure normal vision. Healthy eyes are critical for success in school as 80 per cent of school-age learning is visual.

### Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision

*Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision* is New Brunswick's dental and vision plan for children of low-income families. Under this plan, the provincial government is helping to provide the necessary coverage for specified dental and vision benefits to children 18 years of age and younger in families with a low income.

### Eligibility

To be eligible you must:

- Live in New Brunswick
- Have dependent child(ren) 18 years old or younger
- Not have dental and vision coverage through any other government program or private insurance plan
- Have a family net income level not exceeding the following amounts based on the previous year's New Brunswick income tax return or Notice of Assessment:

Family Size	Income
2 people	\$26,928
3 people	\$32,980
4 people	\$38,082
5 people	\$42,577
6 people	\$46,641
7 people	\$50,378
8 people	\$53,856

**\* These guidelines are based on Market Basket Measure calculations from June 2017.**

### Coverage

This plan will provide the necessary coverage for specified dental and vision benefits as follows:

**Dental:** The dental program will cover basic items, such as regular exams, X-rays and extractions, with some focus on preventative treatments such as sealants and fluoride treatments.

**Vision:** The vision program will cover basic items, such as a yearly exam, lenses and frames.

**\*Please note: For children with dental and vision coverage through the Department of Social Development, coverage will automatically be transferred to the *Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision* plan and, as such, there is no need for Social Development clients to apply.**

### How to apply

To apply, download the application form at [gnb.ca/socialdevelopment](http://gnb.ca/socialdevelopment). Paper copies may be picked up at Service New Brunswick centres and regional offices of the Department of Social Development. Completed application forms must be mailed or faxed to:

Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision  
644 Main Street, P.O. Box 220  
Moncton, NB, E1C 8L3  
Fax: 506-867-4651

If you have further questions about the *Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision* plan, please contact Medavie Blue Cross toll free at **1-855-839-9229** or in the greater Moncton area at **867-6026**.