

DHW Dental

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Children's Oral Health Program (COHP) – Scaling Reminder

The Department of Health & Wellness (DHW) added Scaling (codes 11111 and 11112) as a standalone service to its Children's Oral Health Program effective July 4th, 2023. Scaling is subject to the following limitations: 1 unit of scaling per 12 months for children aged 10 and under; and up to 2 units of scaling per 12 months for children aged 11 and over (up until the child's 15th birthday).

Additionally, effective July 4th, 2023, code 13211 (OHI) was changed to its original intention of the NSDA for Oral Hygiene Instruction / Plaque Control. This means polishing is no longer an eligible service and cannot be submitted under 13211, nor can it be billed under code 11101.

GreenShield has created a new video outlining these changes, **including the ability to submit scaling claims through your dental software**, and is now available for your viewing on the NSDA website. The NSDA website (nsdental.org) Recorded Webinars page houses a number of helpful videos for dentists on successfully navigating the provincial MSI and DCS dental programs.

Tariff Increases Reminder - Children's Oral Health Program (COHP) and Individuals with Special Needs Program (ISNP)

The Department of Health & Wellness (DHW) enacted new Insured Dental Services Tariff Regulations for the provision of 2 DHW's Medical Services Insurance (MSI) dental programs. Effective July 4th, COHP and ISNP are paid at the new dental tariff rate, **which is no lower than 80% of the 2022 NSDA suggested fee guide**.

To update your billing system, download the latest Dentists Guide and Tariff for Billing Software by visiting <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/dental-programs/dentists-resources.asp>

DHW Dentists Guide:

Visit www.novascotia.ca/dhw/children-dental for links to DHW's latest Dentists Guide

Questions?

For any clarifications, please call customer service at Nova Scotia's dedicated line:

1-833-739-4035 (8:30 AM – 4:30 PM)