

## Expansion of Dental Treatment Programs for Children 17 Years and Under Attachment #3: Website Announcement

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### New No-Cost Dental Program for Eligible Children

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has a new no-cost dental program for eligible children and youth ages 17 years and under. Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) offers a full range of dental services, including checkups, cleaning, fillings, X-rays, scaling and more. HSO is available three different ways – through a full-service clinic at the health unit's Barrie office on 80 Bradford Street, participating dentist or dental hygienist, or by visiting the health unit's mobile dental clinic that travels to communities in Simcoe Muskoka.

Eligible children and teens under the age of 18 with urgent dental care needs, such as fillings and extractions, can be covered under the Children in Need of Treatment program. Both programs are in addition to dental screening offered to all students in grades JK, SK, 2 and 8 by oral health staff at the health unit. After screening, parents of children needing preventative care are contacted by the health unit and offered information about no-cost services available through school or health unit clinics.

To find out more about the programs, eligibility requirements and how to make an appointment, call Your Health Connection Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).