

# DHW Dental Bulletin

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## Dentists' Guide & Tariff Update effective June 1, 2022

On June 1, 2022, the Department of Health & Wellness (DHW) enacts a new Insured Dental Services Tariff Regulations for the provision of DHW's Medical Services Insurance (MSI) dental programs. Beginning June 1, all claims for services with this date or later will be paid at the new dental tariff rate. Any prior dated services will be processed at the previous tariff rates.

Updates include:

- The Dentists Guide & Tariff has been reformatted for ease of use. All program descriptions and eligibility are at the front of the guide, while all tariff rates are at the back.
- Children's Oral Health Program (COHP):
  - Fee inconsistencies where specialists' fees were lower than GP fees have been corrected by increasing the specialists' fees.
  - A new 30% higher hospital premium fee for both GPs and specialists for services provided in a hospital setting. To be eligible, claims must contain a note in the comment section indicating which hospital the services were performed in.
- Cleft Palate / Craniofacial Program
  - Extensive updates where dental codes have been added, removed or corrected, with fees for new codes indicated per a new agreement with the Nova Scotia Dental Association (NSDA). DHW recommends providers review the program in detail in the updated Dentists Guide to view all changes to the program.

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>.

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### Other helpful Links:

<https://nsdental.org/resources/for-office-managers/> - Submission tips and educational videos, Dentists Guide and other helpful resources regarding DHW programs.

Additional resources available on your NSDA Member Community site.

<https://nsdental.org/>

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