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Ministry of Human Resources

CHANGES TO THE ORTHODONTIC PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

- The ministry is focusing its resources for orthodontic services to clients with the most critical need.

NEW POLICY

- Children receiving BC Employment and Assistance, and adults with level two disabilities (DB2), who have severe dental deformities (maxio-facial) will be eligible for orthodontic services.
- Others will be expected to defer treatment until they, or their family can pay for orthodontic services themselves.
- Individuals currently receiving ministry-funded orthodontic services will have the full course of their treatment funded by the ministry as long as they are eligible for income assistance.

WHO IS AFFECTED

- Children on BCEA and adults with level two disabilities (DB2) requesting non-critical orthodontic services.

WHEN THE CHANGE WILL OCCUR

- July 1, 2002.