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ABSTRACT

This paper discusses the issue of public funding for dental care in Canada. Currently, Canada has a pluralistic mixed private and public dental insurance system. Many Canadians lack coverage for dental benefits, whether publicly or privately funded. Canadians who are eligible for publicly funded benefits receive fewer covered dental services compared to Canadians with employment based privately funded benefits. Effective dental care is associated with better health outcomes, and should be a priority for health policy makers.

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