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**CDAA Response to the PM Announcement on the  
Initial Delivery of the Canada Dental Benefit**

The Canadian Dental Assistants' Association (CDAA) is encouraged by today's announcement that the government is advancing on its commitment to improve the oral health and overall health of Canadians by providing direct, tax-free payments to qualifying families who earn \$90,000 or less, to be used to pay for dental visits for children under 12.

"This initial step is important to narrowing the gaps in access to dental care that many Canadian families face. Reducing barriers to early oral healthcare is an important component of improving overall health throughout their lifetime" said Heather Brownlee, President of the CDAA.

The CDAA looks forward to learning of the specific details about the dental treatments that will be covered for eligible Canadian families that was not included as part of today's announcement.

Working in partnership with government and industry colleagues to improve access to, and delivery of, oral health services to Canadians, the CDAA will continue to bring forward the perspective of dental assistants during the coming years as the Canada Dental Benefit is fully developed and implemented.

For 77 years the CDAA has placed itself at the forefront of issues such as labor mobility, occupational analysis and workplace health and safety while advancing the profession of dental assisting through its three core values of advocacy and policy influence; knowledge and research, and capacity building for its members.

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