



## Great-West sets Canadian dental fee increases for 2007

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Great-West Life has established its dental fee increases for 2007. These are provided in the chart below, along with the 2007 fee increases set by provincial dental associations.

Each provincial dental association, with the exception of Alberta, publishes an annual fee guide. Dentists use these guides for reference when determining their own fees for the year ahead. Great-West determines its overall dental claim cost increase by comparing the fee increases in these provincial guides with the previous year's most commonly used procedure codes.

### Impact of changes

The effect of fee changes on Great-West's insured population is different from that of the general population. For this reason, Great-West's overall fee increases may not coincide with increases announced by the provincial dental associations.

### For more information

Please contact your benefit advisor or Great-West representative for more information about provincial fee guides, the Alberta representative price or the effect of these fee increases on your plan.

Province / Territory	Effective Date (2007)	2007 Increase Announced by Provincial Dental Association	Great-West Overall Increase			
			Routine	Major	Orthodontics <sup>5</sup>	Overall
British Columbia	February 1	3.19%	3.10%	3.50%	3.50%	3.20%
Alberta <sup>1</sup>	February 1	Not available	5.20%	5.50%	5.20%	5.20%
Saskatchewan	January 1	6.23%	5.60%	9.20%	9.20%	6.80%
Manitoba <sup>2</sup>	January 1	3.79%	3.30%	5.00%	5.00%	3.70%
Ontario	January 1	3.60%	4.00%	-0.30%	-0.30%	3.30%
Quebec	January 1	2.80%	2.90%	2.90%	2.90%	2.90%
Nova Scotia <sup>3</sup>	February 1	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
New Brunswick	January 1	3.00%	3.10%	3.00%	3.00%	3.10%
Prince Edward Island	January 1	2.80%	2.40%	5.10%	5.10%	2.70%
Newfoundland and Labrador	January 1	3.00%	2.40%	3.40%	3.40%	2.50%
Northwest Territories and Nunavut <sup>4</sup>	February 1	Not yet available	5.20%	5.50%	5.20%	5.20%
Yukon Territory <sup>4</sup>	February 1	Not yet available	3.10%	3.50%	3.50%	3.20%

- 1. Great-West has used its dental claims experience to establish the dental fee representative price for 2007. More information on 2007 Alberta dental fees are available in a GroupLine titled 2007 representative price for Alberta dental fees established.*
- 2. In 2003, the Manitoba Dental Association introduced a northern Manitoba (north of the 53rd parallel) fee guide that lists rates that are approximately five per cent higher than the southern Manitoba version. Great-West assesses dental claims from dentists who practise north of the 53rd parallel in accordance with the northern fee guide.*
- 3. The fee guide for Nova Scotia has not been released. Great-West used the Nova Scotia dental association's announced average increase. Great-West will update these figures as the fee guide becomes available.*
- 4. Northwest Territories, Nunavut and the Yukon fee guides have not been released. Great-West used the Alberta increase as an estimated increase for N.W.T and Nunavut, and the British Columbia increase as an estimated increase for the Yukon. Great-West will update these figures as the fee guides become available. Fee changes in these guides will be effective April 1, 2007.*
- 5. For all provinces except Alberta, the orthodontics increase is a combined increase used for both major and orthodontics. For Alberta, separate increases for major and orthodontics are used.*