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Free public dental health care is delivered to eligible clients including people with HIV in a number of settings across NSW within Local Health Districts (LHDs). People with HIV in NSW who hold a Health Care or Pension Card are eligible for free public dental health care.

In some LHDs arrangements are made to provide enhanced dental health care for people with HIV.

The list of tables below provides information on subsidised dental health clinics for people with HIV in some LHDs in NSW. This is correct as of September 2019. Specific details such as names may change without prior notice.

SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LHD (SWSLHD)

Eligibility	People with HIV who hold a health care or pension card and live in the SWSLHD catchment area.
Service	A priority appointment will be made for an initial dental assessment. If any further treatment is required patients will be placed on a waiting list according to need.
Location	South Western Sydney LHD Community Dental Clinics for primary assessment.
Appointment	<p>All referral emails should be sent to SWSLHD Oral Health Unit (SWSLHD-OralHealthGeneralManagersUnit@health.nsw.gov.au) and CC to Sumi Nair (Sumi.nair@sswahs.nsw.gov.au). The following information will need to be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name:• DOB:• Address:• Phone:• Medicare No: expiry date:• Health Care Card no: expiry date: <p>The Oral Health Unit will inform the referrer and Sumi via email of the appointment details. The client will also receive a letter about the appointment from the oral health service.</p>
Information	Please call HIV/AIDS & Related Programs (HARP) Unit on 02 8738 5945 or harpunit@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

SYDNEY LHD (SLHD)

Eligibility	People with HIV who hold a health care or pension card and live in the SLHD catchment area.
Service	A priority appointment will be made for an initial dental assessment. If any further treatment is required patients will be placed on a waiting list according to need.
Location	Sydney Dental Hospital for primary assessment.
Appointment	All referral email should be sent to Huaying Yang Huaying.Yang@health.nsw.gov.au . Huaying will liaise with Sydney Dental Hospital and inform you via email when an appointment is scheduled. The following information will need to be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name:• DOB:• Address:• Phone:• Medicare No: expiry date:• Health Care Card no: expiry date:
Information	Contact Shih-Chi Kao, SLHD HIV and Related Programs (HARP) Unit on 02 9515 1285 or shih-chi.kao@health.nsw.gov.au for more information.

SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY LHD (SESLHD)

Eligibility	People with HIV who hold a health care or pension card and live in the SESLHD catchment area.
Service	Provision of funding assistance up to \$500/year for dental work including: dental assessment, regular 6 monthly check-ups, scaling and cleaning, fillings, extractions and dentures. But does not include cosmetic dentistry.
Location	Private dental clinics.
Information	For further information please contact the BGF intake officers on 9283 8666 or 1800 651 011. Health worker and client will be asked to complete a referral form.

ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LHD (ISLHD)

Eligibility	People with HIV who hold a health care or pension card and live in the ISLHD catchment area.
Service	Provision of funding assistance up to \$500/year for dental work including: dental assessment, regular 6 monthly check-ups, scaling and cleaning, fillings, extractions and dentures. But does not include cosmetic dentistry.
Location	Private dental clinics.
Information	For further information please contact the BGF intake officers on 9283 8666 or 1800 651 011. Health worker and client will be asked to complete a referral form.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL DENTAL DEPARTMENT

Eligibility	People with HIV who hold a health care or pension card and patients of the St. Vincent's Hospital IBAC (Immunology B Ambulatory Care) Clinic.
Service	Dental assessments, cleaning and oral care advice and dental treatment such as fillings or extractions.
Location	St. Vincent's Hospital Dental Clinic.
Appointment	To access the service: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact the Dental Department on 8382 3129 and enquire about appointments with either the Dentist or the Dental Hygienist.• Opening hours: Tuesdays to Thursdays 08:30-16:30.

HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LHD (HNELHD) – SMILE WITH PRIDE CLINIC

Eligibility	<p>All people living with HIV who live in the HNELHD catchment area are eligible for a dental assessment.</p> <p>People living with HIV who are eligible for public dental care will be prioritised for treatment according to NSW Priority System for Oral Health.</p> <p>Those who are ineligible for public dental care can be assisted to see private dentists for treatment.</p>
Service	Free dental assessment.
Location	Newcastle.
Appointment	<p>Access to the clinic is through referrals. Please contact one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patience Nartey & Melissa Cain (job share), Social Worker, John Hunter Hospital, on 02 4922 3472• POSITION CURRENTLY VACANT, Client Service Officer, ACON Newcastle, on 02 4962 7700• Catherine Conaghan, Case Manager, Karumah, on 02 4940 8393• Kylie Voght, Social Worker, Pacific Clinic, on 02 4016 4541

In LHDs where enhanced dental health care for people with HIV is not available, free dental care could be accessed through public dental health services. People with HIV in NSW who hold a Health Care or Pension Card are eligible.

Appointments will be allocated based on needs and priority will be given to dental emergency, including:

- Bleeding in the mouth that will not stop.
- Swelling of the face from a tooth infection.
- Recent injury to the teeth.

Clinic locations and contact details for appointments are varied depending on the LHD in which you live. Phone numbers for access to public dental services are specified below:

Local Health District	Phone Number
South Western Sydney	02 9293 3333
Sydney	02 9293 3333
South Eastern Sydney	1300 134 226
Northern Sydney	1300 732 503
Illawarra Shoalhaven	1300 369 651
Northern NSW Mid North Coast Hunter New England	1300 651 625
Central Coast	1300 789 404
Murrumbidgee Southern NSW	1800 450 046
Western Sydney	02 8890 6766
Nepean Blue Mountains	02 4734 2387 or 1300 769 221
Far West Western NSW	1300 552 626

The appointment offered may not be at your closest clinic but it may give you the earliest appointment. You can choose to go to your closest clinic but you may need to wait for an appointment.