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The DAC's Foundational Support and Commitment to the Evolving Canadian Dental Care Plan

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BELLEVILLE – December 11, 2023 – The Denturist Association of Canada (The DAC) is pleased to express our support for the Canadian Dental Care Plan, a groundbreaking initiative that marks a significant stride towards universal access to oral health care for all Canadians. As an organization committed to advancing oral health and well-being, we applaud the introduction of this plan, recognizing its potential to make a meaningful impact on the lives of millions of uninsured Canadians.

Upon full implementation, the Canadian Dental Care Plan aims to provide essential oral health services to up to 9 million Canadians currently without access to such care. Noteworthy is the commitment to eliminate financial barriers, with no co-pays for families earning under \$70,000 and support extended to those with annual family net incomes of less than \$90,000.

The DAC has been actively involved in discussions regarding the development of the plan and is pleased with the progress achieved thus far. We value the inclusivity of these discussions, involving providers and national organizations, as it ensures a comprehensive and collaborative approach to addressing the oral health needs of our fellow citizens.

Crucially, the Canadian Dental Care Plan is not a static initiative but follows a launch, learn, and evolve strategy. The DAC embraces this dynamic approach and commits to continued collaboration with the program as it evolves. We firmly believe that ongoing feedback from our dedicated providers, who play a pivotal role in delivering services under the plan, is essential for its success.

While our initial expression of support may be characterized as positive, it is important to clarify that The DAC supports the program with an understanding that it will evolve. We are confident that the Canadian Dental Care Plan will be responsive to concerns, making necessary changes to ensure its success. The DAC is committed to supporting our fellow oral health providers—Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Dental Therapists, and Dental Technicians—through open discussions and by supporting positions that contribute to the program's evolution.

As an organization deeply invested in the oral health of Canadians, The DAC is enthusiastic about contributing to the ongoing evolution of the Canadian Dental Care Plan. We eagerly anticipate the positive impact of this initiative on the oral health landscape of our nation and remain dedicated to our shared goal of ensuring comprehensive and accessible oral health care for all.

About The DAC

The DAC serves as the authoritative voice of Denturism in the nation, driven by a mission to advance the profession through education, communication among members, and collaboration with external agencies. Our objectives encompass promoting professional unity, advocating for member interests, coordinating valuable information, standardizing legislation and education, and taking a proactive role in the global development of Denturism. Committed to excellence, The DAC not only fosters the highest standards of care for Denturists but also actively contributes to the evolution and advancement of dental health care in Canada and beyond. To learn more visit www.denturist.org

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