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## Canadian Dental Care Plan – 2023 T4/T4A Coverage Reporting

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## Introduction

This presentation is designed to assist Powerpay customers with understanding the T4/T4A implications of the new Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) and how to complete the new T4/T4A Dental Benefits page in Powerpay starting for the 2023 Tax Year.

## **Topics**

- 1. What is the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)?
- 2. What does it mean for employers?
- 3. How to assign Dental code values to your employees
- 4. FAQ

## **Canadian Dental Care Plan**

## Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)

- On March 28, 2023, the federal budget for 2023<sup>1</sup> introduced an expansion of the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP), which will provide dental coverage for <u>uninsured</u> Canadians with annual family income of less than \$90,000.
- The program was first introduced in September 2022, and started with coverage for children under
   12-years-old
- The program expansion will offer coverage for any uninsured Canadian who qualifies, regardless of age, with the program administered by Health Canada
- Further details on the Canada Dental Benefit are available on the <u>Government of Canada website</u>

## Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)

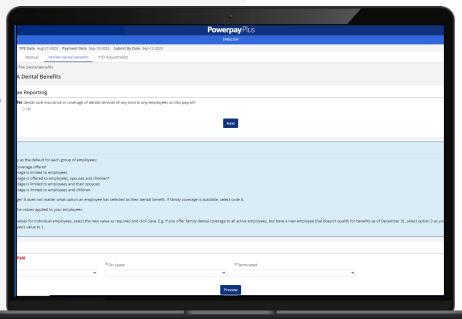
#### New T4/T4A Dental Codes

- To administer the program, the government introduced a new T4 reporting requirement for employers to help in the collection of data that will be needed to determine eligibility for applicants.
- Starting the 2023 tax year, **employers and payors must report on the dental coverage they <u>offer</u> their employees and retirees as of <u>December 31</u> on their T4 or T4A tax form.**
- Codes from 1 to 5 are to be reported in T4 Box 45 or T4A Code 015:

Type of recipient				
No dental insurance or coverage of any kind				
Payee				
Payee, spouse and dependent children				
Payee and their spouse				
Payee and their dependent children				

Code 1 and 3 are expected to be the most common selections on the T4 as employers either do not offer benefits (code 1) or offer benefits that allow coverage of the employee, their spouse and dependent children (code 3)

# How to assign Dental code values to your employees

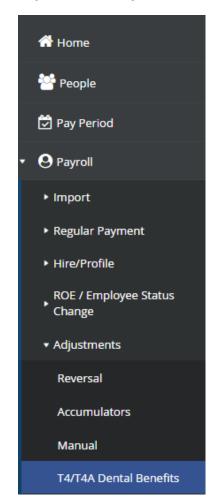


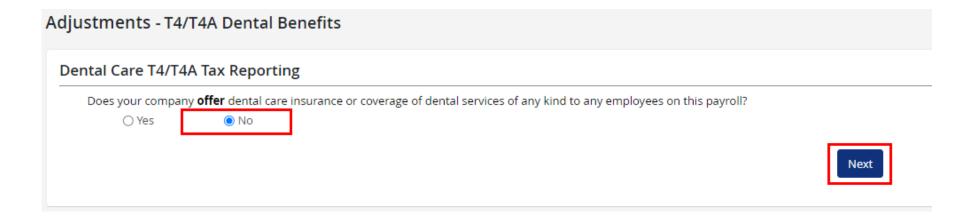


## No Benefits Offered

Step 1: Confirm if dental care insurance or coverage is offered

#### Payroll > Adjustments > T4/T4A Dental Benefits

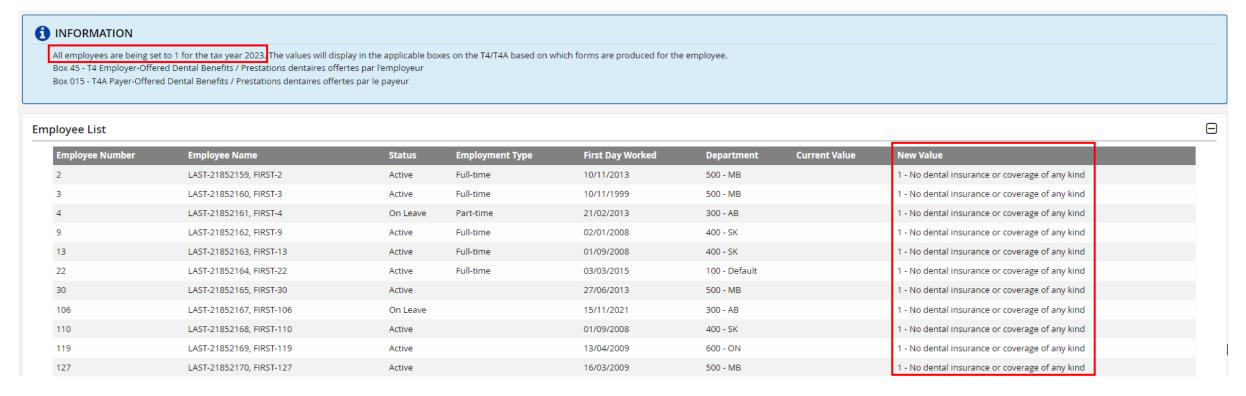




If your organization <u>does not</u> offer dental care insurance or coverage of dental services to employees or groups of employees, select **No** and click **Next** 

## No Benefits Offered

#### Step 2: Review & confirm employee code assignments



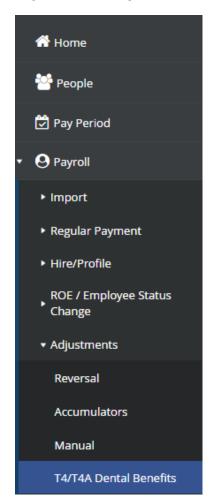


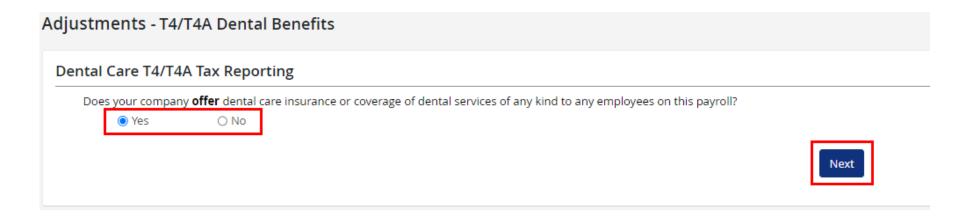
When selecting **No**, all employees will be set to code **1 – No dental insurance or coverage of any kind**. Click **Save** to apply the values as shown in the Employee List.

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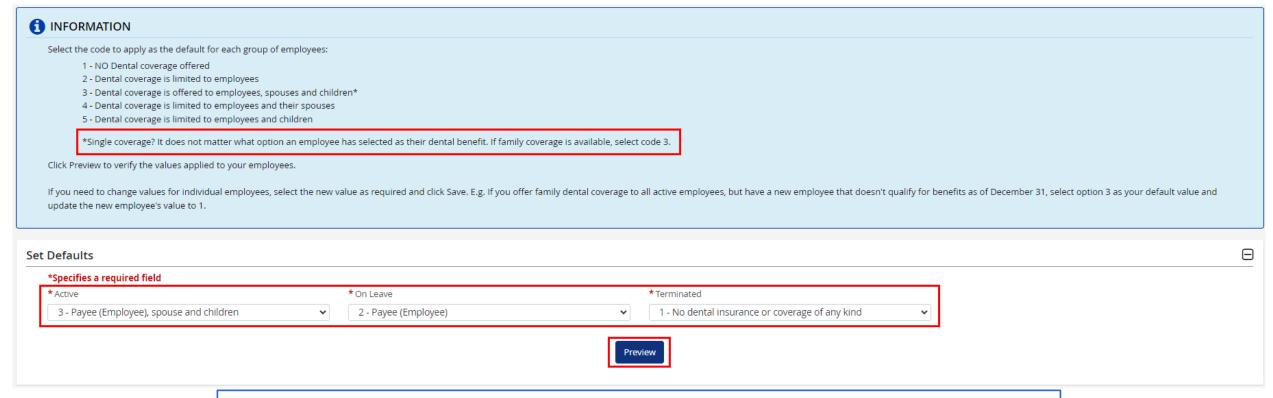




If your organization offers dental care insurance or coverage of dental services to employees or groups of employees, select **Yes** and click **Next** 

## **Benefits Offered**

Step 2: Select the code to apply as the default for each employee group

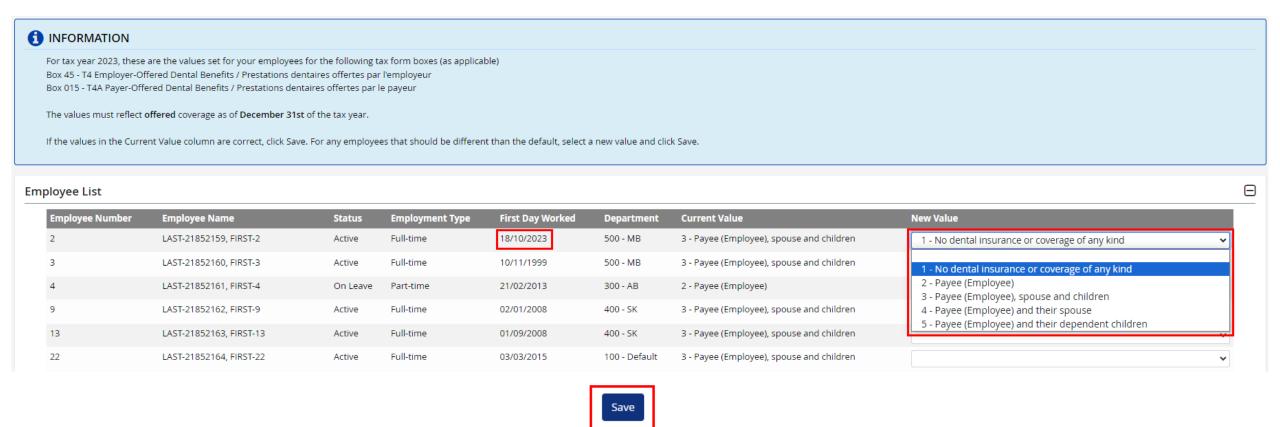


Select the code\* that applies to all or most employees within each employee group. Once a selection has been made for each employee group, click **Preview**.

\* It does not matter what option an employee has selected for their dental benefit, only the type of coverage that is available.

## **Benefits Offered**

#### Step 3: Review & confirm employee code assignments



The default values selected for each employee group will be applied as the Current Value. If all values in the Current Value column are correct, click **Save**. For any employees that should have a different value than the default (i.e., new hires who will not be eligible for benefits until after December 31), select a new value and click **Save**.

## **T4/T4A Dental Benefits**

#### **Important Notes**

- 1. The last payroll of the year cannot be submitted without assigning dental code values to your individual employees, as the new T4/T4A boxes are mandatory, and we need your input to ensure their accuracy.

  When attempting to submit the final pay of the year, if dental code values have not yet been assigned to employees, an error message will appear on-screen with a link to the T4/T4A Dental Benefits page, allowing easy navigation to complete the page.
- 2. The T4/T4A Dental Benefits page has been added in Powerpay as of November 1<sup>st</sup> and can be updated at any time before the last payroll of the year is submitted. If dental code values are assigned to employees before the last payroll of the year, note that you may need to return to this page to update assignments for any employee changes that happen before the end of year. For example, if an employee terminates, you will need to return to the page to change their code if they will not continue benefits after termination.
- 3. The T4/T4A Dental Benefits page will be available for Year-End Adjustment Runs in the new year.

## **T4/T4A Dental Benefits**

#### **Important Notes**

4. The value for T4 box 45 (T4A code 015) will appear on both the Preliminary Balancing report, generated with the first payroll run in November, and the final Year End Balancing report, generated with the last payroll run of the year. If employees have not been assigned a code value in Powerpay before the Preliminary Balancing report is generated, the value for all employees will show a default of code 1 on the report – you MUST still assign a dental code value to employees before submitting your last payroll of the year.

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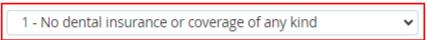
## **T4/T4A Dental Benefits**

#### Things to consider for employee code assignments

- 1. Do any employees terminated in the year still have access to dental coverage on Dec 31? If no, assign 1-No dental insurance or coverage of any kind
- 2. Are any retirees that you issue T4As for offered dental coverage? (T4A Code 015 if an amount is reported in Box 016) In most cases, retiree dental coverage is only available for the payee or payee and spouse (Code 2 or 4). Consult your benefits plan to confirm the level of coverage available.



3. Is there a policy that involves employees being ineligible for benefits for a period? i.e., 3-month probationary period with no coverage → new hires after Oct 1 won't have access to coverage on Dec 31, assign Code 1.



4. Are there employees with other statuses who may need to be assigned a different code for T4 Box 45? i.e., only Full-Time employees offered benefits, for Part-Time employees assign Code 1)



### Resources

- Powerpay Home (Info Centre)
- Powerpay Help (articles)
- National Payroll Institute (NPI)
- Canada Revenue Agency

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