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This letter has led to some confusion which the NSDA would like to help clarify. First Canadian Benefits is an Ontario-based not-for-profit, federally-incorporated company that is a charity driven preferred provider network (PPN). First Canadian Benefits has contracted various health care providers to accept 20% - 30% less than customary fees, based on their current Professional Association Suggested Fee Guide.   To be clear, this is not a relief benefit for dentists, but rather a PPN that offers discounted health services from participating health care providers. If you are interested in learning more about the program, additional information can be found at: [www.firstcanadianbenefits.ca](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=ea017da6ae&e=f49d06b7f0)     A story was also published in the Globe & Mail: [https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/adv/article-health-network-offers-fee-discounts/](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=57ea51a282&e=f49d06b7f0)     **Reminder: Member Webinar – NSDA Reply to the Provincial Dental Board of NS Dental Act Discussion Paper** NSDA members are invited to register for a webinar with NSDA executive, staff and legal counsel on the association’s reply to proposed Dental Act changes. The changes to the Dental Act are contained in a discussion paper released by the Provincial Dental Board of NS last autumn.   **Date:** Monday, January 11, 2021  **Time:** 8 p.m.   **Link to register for webinar:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_0CURpt\_ARHm9TikKeu9Xlg](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=c7e8175550&e=f49d06b7f0)   **Note: This webinar is for members only and registration is required. A confirmation email with the meeting link will be sent to you upon registration.**     **NSDA draft reply to Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia’s discussion paper**    To read the NSDA’s draft reply to the Provincial Dental Board’s discussion paper:   1. Go to [www.nsdental.org](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=4d959549fd&e=f49d06b7f0) 2. Click “Member Login” (or dark blue button) at the top of the page. This will take you to a login screen. 3. Enter your regular username and password. 4. Once logged in, click the link “Draft NSDA Reply to PDBNS” at the top of the My Account page under the heading “Welcome.”   **Background** As many members are already aware, the provincial government and the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia are planning legislative changes that will impact the profession. In the autumn, the dental board released a discussion paper outlining broad areas of change and reached out for feedback and input. The discussion paper is available on the PDBNS website at: [http://pdbns.ca/new-dental-act](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=369d8db751&e=f49d06b7f0)   The NSDA has convened a Dental Legislation Working Group whose role has been to work with staff and legal counsel on a draft feedback reply to the dental board’s discussion paper.   On Monday, January 11, 2021 at 8 p.m., the NSDA will host a digital member information and feedback session on the draft reply to the board’s paper.     **Message from Johnson Insurance** After a challenging year, Johnson Insurance wants you to know that they are always by your side. This past year has been full of the unexpected, but through all this unpredictability, Johnson is committed to being there for NSDA members and their employees with great savings and benefits, plus caring and compassionate service. Call Johnson to see how they can help you save on your home and car insurance. 1-877-732-6714  l  [Johnson.ca/healthcare](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=14e680ea48&e=f49d06b7f0)     **Call for Nominations: 2021 Annual NSDA Awards**  The NSDA Nominating Committee would like to request nominations to be considered for this year’s annual NSDA awards:   * Dr. Philip S. Christie Award for Distinguished Service * T.D. Ingham Volunteer Award * NSDA Community Service Award * NSDA Award of Excellence * Don Pamenter Friend of Dentistry Award    All applications can be submitted, care of the NSDA Nominating Committee, to the NSDA office. Please see [attached](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=acbed96c39&e=f49d06b7f0) award descriptions and nomination form for details.     **Dental Management of Individuals with Dysphagia**  Any dentist or dental hygienist licensed in Nova Scotia who see patients in practice at least one day per week is invited to complete an anonymous online research survey conducted by researchers at Dalhousie Faculty of Dentistry and Health, concerning dental management of individuals with dysphagia in Nova Scotia. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and all responses will be anonymous. To thank you for your participation, you may choose to be entered into a draw for one of two $50 gift cards.   If you have any questions, please send to them to Kimberley Fairman at [km770223@dal.ca](mailto:km770223@dal.ca)   To learn more about this study and to complete the survey, please click the link to continue: [https://surveys.dal.ca/opinio/s?s=58939](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=448bd65d7a&e=f49d06b7f0) | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=8d8b1df26f&e=f49d06b7f0) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Instagram](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=228ba2c7ce&e=f49d06b7f0) | | | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Copyright © 2021 Nova Scotia Dental Association, All rights reserved.  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