



Assistive Devices Program for Mobility Aids

Assistive Devices Program (ADP) is a government funding program. It pays up to 75% of some mobility devices. For more about this program, visit: www.health.gov.on.ca/adp. To qualify for the program you must meet the following criteria:

- Valid Ontario Health Card.
- Have a physical disability.

Funded Equipment

The program helps pay for mobility equipment that is used daily. The equipment must also be needed for at least 6 months. If you need a power wheelchair with positioning (tilt, recline, or elevating leg rests), you must use the Centralized Equipment Pool. This is a recycling program run by Motion Specialties.

There are specific criteria for each type of device. Your therapist will know what you qualify for. Funded equipment include:

- Wheelchairs
- Cushions and backrests
- Walking aids (canes and walkers)

ADP does not offer funding for used equipment, repairs, or maintenance. Funding is not provided for devices, used solely for:

- Traveling to and from destinations in the community
- Post-operative needs or pain management
- Training, exercise, or therapeutic purposes
- Work, school, recreation, or social activities
- Feeding, sleeping, and other non-mobility related activities

Note: If you are still deciding on a wheelchair or seating at the time of discharge you may need to rent equipment. This will be arranged between you and your vendor.

Contact your Therapist for more information.

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Applying for a Mobility Device

1. Choose a vendor.
2. Try the equipment and decide what works for you.
3. Get a written quote from the vendor.
4. Provide payment. You pay the 'client portion' (about 25%). Your therapist will complete an application for the government funded portion (up to 75%). It may take over 3 months to approve funding for the equipment.
5. Wait for delivery. Wheelchairs may take up to 2 months to be built and shipped. Walking aids can take up to 2 weeks to be shipped.
6. Once you receive your new device, you might need to return see a therapist to get fitted for it. Your inpatient therapist can link you with the right service.

Changing Your Device in the Future

The program will only give funding if you are unable to use your current device. This could be because of a change in your function, body size or if the device is broken beyond repair. The program has specific funding periods for the different devices:

- Wheelchairs and Walking aids = 5 years.
- Power dynamic positioning devices (tilt, elevating leg rests, recline) = 5 years.
- Cushions, backrests and other positioning devices = 2 years.

Other Sources

Other organizations can help pay for some of your devices.

- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Motor vehicle insurance
- March of Dimes.

If you cannot find funding for a certain piece of equipment, used equipment might be an option. For more about this, check out the [Spinal Cord Essentials Finding Equipment and Devices](#) [handout](#).

Note: When choosing your equipment, some upgrades may not be covered.

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