

ADP - Assistive Devices Program in Ontario

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- ❖ Summary from ADP web site:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program/>
- ❖ If you have a long-term physical disability, you can get help paying for equipment and supplies when you qualify for the Assistive Devices Program.
- ❖ ADP helps people with long-term physical disabilities pay for customized equipment, like wheelchairs and hearing aids.
- ❖ It also helps cover the cost of specialized supplies, such as those used with ostomies.

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- ❖ To qualify, you must:
 - Be an Ontario resident.
 - Have a valid Ontario health card.
 - Have a disability requiring the equipment or supplies for six months or longer.
 - ADP does not consider your income.

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- ❖ You do not qualify for the ADP if you:
 - Already qualify for or are receiving financial support for the same equipment or supplies from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.
 - Are a Group “A” veteran and already qualify for or are receiving financial support from Veterans Affairs Canada for the same equipment or supplies.

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- ❖ Find out more about how to qualify, apply and find a vendor for these types of equipment and supplies:
 - Mobility aids,
 - Hearing aids and other devices,
 - Communication aids,
 - Visual aids,
 - Diabetic equipment and supplies,
 - Respiratory equipment and supplies,

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- ❖ Find out more about how to qualify, apply and find a vendor for these types of equipment and supplies:
 - Home oxygen therapy,
 - Artificial eyes and facial prosthetics,
 - Custom orthotic braces, compression garments, lymphedema pumps,
 - Prosthetic breasts and limbs,
 - Enteral-feeding pumps and ostomy supplies,
 - Miscellaneous.

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❖ How much is covered?

- ADP covers 75% of the cost for equipment and supplies. For these items, ADP is billed directly by the supplier and you pay 25% when you buy the item.
- In some cases, you receive a series of payments throughout the year to help cover the cost of supplies.

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- ❖ Details for each covered item or service is on the ADP web site.
- ❖ Here are some more Detailed Examples:
 - Mobility Aids
 - Communication Aids
 - Respiratory Equipment
 - Home Oxygen Equipment

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- ❖ Types of **mobility aids** equipment covered through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP), to help cover the cost of:
 - manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs and power scooters
 - power add-ons (devices added to a manual wheelchair if you don't need a power wheelchair)
 - positioning devices (e.g. cushions, back and head supports, power tilt and recline)
 - forearm-crutches
 - wheeled walkers for adults
 - pediatric walkers, standers and strollers

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- ❖ Example: wheeled walkers for adults (each device has further details on the ADP web site)
 - How much is covered?
 - ADP pays 75% of the ADP price for mobility aids. You must pay the remaining 25% of the cost.
 - When ADP sets the price for each mobility aid, they take into account:
 - manufacturer's and/or distributor's costs
 - complexity of device
 - A business can't charge you more than the ADP price for the approved device. You have to pay for additional items not covered by the ADP (e.g. batteries for power wheelchairs).

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❖ Example: wheeled walkers

➤ Getting 100% coverage.

- ADP covers 100% of the cost, if you receive financial support from on the following programs:
- When ADP sets the price for each mobility aid, they take into account:
 - Ontario Works
 - Ontario Disability Support Program
 - Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities

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❖ Example: wheeled walkers

➤ Replacements

- You can apply to replace your mobility aid if:
 - your medical condition and/or functional ability has changed and your current mobility aid no longer meets your needs
 - your body size has changed and your current mobility aid no longer fits
 - the mobility aid is worn out, no longer covered by warranty and cannot be repaired at a reasonable cost
- ADP does not cover costs to replace a lost mobility aid or to repair aids damaged through misuse or neglect.

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❖ Example: wheeled walkers

➤ Find a vendor and apply – 4 steps

1. Get examined by an occupational therapist or physiotherapist registered with the ADP. This will confirm that you need a mobility aid and determine which type best suits your needs. You can email ADP for a list of registered therapists in your area.
2. Fill out the application form with the help of your occupational therapist or physiotherapist.

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❖ Example: wheeled walkers

➤ Find a vendor and apply – 4 steps

3. Find a business registered with the ADP to sell you the mobility aid. Use the table below. Your occupational therapist or physiotherapist can help you.
4. Mail your completed form to:
 - Assistive Devices Program
5700 Yonge St., 7th Floor
Toronto ON M2M 4K5

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- ❖ Types of **communications equipment** covered through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP), to help cover the cost of:
 - voice prostheses, voice amplifiers and electrolarynges
 - communication display boards
 - hand-made collections of pictures and words created specifically for to communicate by pointing at picture or words
 - writing aids
 - e.g. portable or stationary computers to be used with assistive technology

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- ❖ Types of **communications equipment** covered through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP), to help cover the cost of:
 - Writing aids
 - e.g. portable or stationary computers to be used with assistive technology
 - Assistive-technology software and hardware for writing aids and speech generating devices
 - e.g. text-to-speech software, voice-dictation software, mouse alternatives, switches
 - Mounting for communication aids
 - used to attach communication aid to a wheelchair or table

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- ❖ Types of **respiratory equipment** covered through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP), to help cover the cost of:
 - Cardiorespiratory monitors used for sleep apnea
 - Equipment used for chronic respiratory illness or dysfunction, such as:
 - Portable and stationary medication compressors
 - High-output air compressors
 - Percussors and postural drainage boards for cystic fibrosis
 - Suction machines and supplies for chronic respiratory illness or disability making secretions difficult

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- ❖ Types of **respiratory equipment** covered through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP), to help cover the cost of:
 - Tracheostomy equipment and supplies, such as:
 - Connecting tubes
 - Speaking valves
 - Sponge/gauge
 - Distilled water
 - Continuous positive airway pressure systems (CPAP)
 - Auto-titrating positive airway pressure systems (APAP)
 - Bi-level positive airway pressure systems (BPAP)

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- ❖ Types of **home oxygen therapy** covered through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP), to help cover the cost of:
 - Oxygen
 - Equipment and supplies (e.g. oxygen tanks, tubing, mask)
 - Delivery, set-up and maintenance
 - ADP covers 75% of the cost of home oxygen therapy. You pay 25% of the cost.
 - For example, if you live in southern Ontario, the monthly cost would be \$397. So you would have to pay \$99.25.

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- ❖ Types of **home oxygen therapy** covered through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP), to help cover the cost of:
 - You get 100% of the costs covered for home oxygen therapy if:
 - If you are 65 or older
 - you live in a long-term care home
 - you receive social assistance benefits through
 - Ontario Works (OW)
 - Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
 - Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)
 - you receive professional services (e.g. physiotherapy in your home) through a Community Care Access Centre (CCAC)

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- ❖ In Summary, each ADP covered item or service has its own:
 - Requirements to qualify
 - Frequency of replacement
 - Conditions for 100% coverage
 - What you have to pay when supplies are delivered
 - How to renew your coverage for the specific item or service
 - ADP does not cover repairs
 - See the ADP web site for more information.