

Applicant's Information Sheet Orthotic Devices

What kind of orthotic devices are covered by the Assistive Devices Program (ADP)?

Specified custom fabricated braces and splints and selected paediatric orthoses.

What kind of orthotic devices are not covered by ADP?

- braces required for less than 6 months
- braces worn only at night or to rest a body part
- shoes and shoe modifications
- prefabricated orthoses
- treatment machines

ADP contributes only to the cost of the most basic equipment required for ongoing daily mobility as defined by ADP for funding purposes.

Funding assistance is not available to purchase equipment required for occasional use, used only at school or work, for use in an exercise program, or for social and recreational purposes.

Who can apply?

Any permanent resident of Ontario who has a valid health card issued in their name, and has a long-term physical disability requiring the use of an orthotic device for six months or longer.

ADP does not pay for equipment available under Workplace Safety & Insurance Board or to Group "A" Veterans for their pensioned conditions.

Who can sign my Application Form?

You are required to sign the application form. If you are unable to sign, someone who has the legal authority to act on your behalf may do so. This may be your spouse, parent, child, power of attorney, or public trustee.

What if I am not eligible for ADP funding assistance?

If you need an orthotic device but are not eligible for funding assistance, your insurance company may pay for it. If you do not have insurance, you may want to consider contacting agencies, such as the March of Dimes, Easter Seals Society, and community service groups.

What if I purchase my equipment before I receive ADP approval?

ADP will only pay the amount approved after the date of approval. If you ask your vendor to order your equipment before ADP approves funding, you will be responsible for paying the full amount to the vendor if ADP cannot approve your application.

Is there a warranty for my device?

- Custom fabricated orthoses molded to client model, parapodiums and standing frames:

Warranty against breakage – 6 months

Warranty for satisfactory fit – 3 months

- Paediatric custom-fitted orthoses and custom fabricated orthoses molded to the client:

Warranty against breakage – 2 months

Warranty for satisfactory fit – 30 days

Does ADP pay for Repairs?

ADP does not pay for repairs and maintenance. You own the equipment and are responsible for taking care of it.

What if I need to replace my equipment?

ADP may contribute to the cost of a new orthotic device if:

- Your medical condition and/or functional ability or body size has changed or
- Your old device has worn out.

The amount of the contribution will vary depending on ADP funding you have previously received. ADP does not pay for replacement if the original equipment is lost, stolen or damaged due to misuse. We encourage you to buy insurance to cover these situations.

How do I apply?

All applicants must be examined by either a general practitioner, nurse practitioner or a specialist physician, depending on the complexity of the device. If required, the specialist must be a geriatrician, neurologist, neurosurgeon, orthopaedic surgeon, pediatrician, plastic surgeon, physiatrist, general surgeon, rheumatologist, radiation oncologist or medical oncologist.

Your general practitioner, nurse practitioner or specialist will refer you to a Canadian board-certified orthotist registered as an authorizer with the ADP.

Eligibility for ADP funding assistance is based on established policies. If you are determined eligible, the authorizer will complete the application form and submit it to ADP.

How much money does ADP contribute?

ADP pays 75% of the ADP approved price. You pay the remaining 25%.

If you are receiving social assistance benefits under Ontario Works (OW), Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) or Assistance to Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD), you may be eligible for 100% funding of the ADP approved price.

Does this mean that ADP will pay 100% of my costs for equipment/supplies?

Not necessarily. You must pay the vendor directly for any options not funded by ADP that you may choose to purchase for your equipment. Be sure to ask your vendor how much of the total cost you will be responsible for.

What happens next?

It should take no more than six weeks from receipt of a properly completed application form for ADP to review your application. If ADP is unable to approve funding you will be notified directly by mail. If funding is approved, ADP will notify your vendor. The vendor will contact you directly to proceed with equipment delivery and follow-up.

What if I have more questions about ADP?

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