

## **Applicant Information Sheet Ostomy Grant**

### **Who can apply?**

Any permanent resident of Ontario who has a valid Health card issued in their name, and has a permanent ostomy or a temporary ostomy if required for at least six months. Temporary ostomies required for less than six months are not funded by ADP.

Applicants must reside in the community, a long-term residence or a long-term care home.

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

### **Does ADP fund more than one ostomy?**

ADP will fund a maximum of two ostomies. A Colostomy and an Ileostomy are incompatible, therefore ADP will fund only one of these procedures.

### **How do I apply?**

Your family physician or nurse practitioner must first examine you. They will confirm that you require ostomy supplies.

### **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.

### **Is the surgeon that performed the surgery required to sign the Ostomy Grant Application Form?**

No, your family physician or nurse practitioner may sign the application form.

### **How much money does ADP contribute?**

ADP provides \$975 per ostomy annually directly to you in two instalments (every six months).

If you are receiving social assistance benefits under Ontario Works (OW), Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) or Assistance to Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD), or you are a resident of a long-term care home, ADP will provide \$1,300 annually.

### **Will the ADP pay 100% of the costs for my supplies?**

Not necessarily. The grant is a contribution towards the costs of your supplies.

### **What happens then?**

It should take approximately six weeks from receipt of a properly completed 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, your first grant payment will be sent in two weeks.

### **How do I get my ostomy supplies?**

You may purchase your supplies from any supplier who sells these products.

You are required to retain the original receipts for supplies purchased under the annual grant. You must retain the receipts in your files for two years.

### **How often do I have to reapply for the Ostomy Grant?**

You will be sent a renewal form every two years to confirm your ongoing eligibility. The form is mailed to your or your agent and must be completed and mailed or faxed back to ADP for continued grant payments. Your physician is not required to sign this form.

### **What if I change my name, address or banking information?**

It is your responsibility to notify ADP of all changes of name, address or banking information. This information can be faxed or mailed to ADP. Notifying the OHIP Office will **not** change your records with ADP.

### **Will ADP notify me if my cheque is returned?**

No, it is your responsibility to keep all records with ADP current and up to date. If your cheque is returned to ADP undeliverable, your grant will be temporarily cancelled and reactivated only after correct information is submitted to ADP.

### **What if I have more questions about ADP?**

Write or telephone:

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