

Application for Funding Limb Prostheses – Conventional Limb Prostheses and Externally Powered Upper Limb Prostheses Applicant Information Sheet

What kind of limb prostheses are covered by the Assistive Devices Program (ADP)?

ADP covers conventional upper and lower limb prostheses and powered upper limb prostheses.

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

Funding assistance is not available towards 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 is missing part or all of an arm or leg may apply.

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

How do I apply?

You make an appointment with an Amputee Team who must be registered with the ADP who will assess your requirements and recommend the appropriate device to best meet your needs.

Every amputee team includes a physician, a prosthetist and a physiotherapist or occupational therapist.

Eligibility for ADP funding assistance is based on established policies. If you are determined eligible the team will complete the application form attached and it will be submitted to ADP for review.

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 happens next?

It should take no more than 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, ADP will notify your vendor.

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), ADP will pay 100% 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 non ADP funding options 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 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?

Yes, it should be given to you in writing by the prosthetist. The warranty covers 6 months against breakage and 3 months for satisfactory fit of the prosthesis, provided that your size or medical condition does not change significantly. You should also ask the prosthetist about any manufacturer's warranties for component parts.

Does ADP pay for Repairs?

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

What if I need to replace my limb prostheses?

ADP may contribute to the cost of a new limb prostheses if:

- Your medical condition and/ or body size has changed
- 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.

What if I am not eligible for ADP funding assistance?

If you need a limb prosthesis but are not eligible for ADP funding, 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 for help.

What if I have more questions about ADP?

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