

What kinds of enteral feeding supplies are funded by the Assistive Devices Program (ADP)?

Feeding pumps, bags, and containers, tubes and catheters and accessories. ADP does not pay for the feeding formula.

Who can apply?

Any Ontario resident who has a valid Health Card issued in their name and a long-term, physical disability requiring enteral feeding to maintain nutritional status.

The ADP provides funding assistance for people who require feeding to be delivered by a pump for six hours or more over a 24-hour period.

The ADP does not provide funding assistance to people residing in hospitals and long-term care facilities.

The ADP does not pay for equipment available under the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB), or to Group 'A' veterans for their pensioned conditions.

What do I do first?

Get an Application for Funding Enteral Feeding Pump and Supplies form.

The form can be downloaded and printed from the [ADP website](http://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program) at <http://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program>

Do I need a medical check-up?

Yes. A doctor or nurse practitioner licensed in Ontario must examine you. They will provide information about your disability and your need for enteral feeding supplies in Section 2 of the application form.

How much will the ADP pay?

Pump: a grant of \$549.75 (portable pump) or \$355.50 (stationary pump) will be sent directly to you to help cover your costs.

Supplies: You will receive an annual grant of \$1,500. The grant is to be used to purchase the supplies items. The annual grant is paid to you directly in four installments of equal amount, on a quarterly basis.

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 will receive an annual grant of \$2,000.

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

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

Will my health insurance company cover my share of the cost?

Some will. If you have private medical coverage, check with your insurer or agent to see if they will pay your share of the cost.

What happens next?

The ADP aims to review your application within eight (8) weeks of receiving it.

If ADP is not able to approve funding, you will be notified directly by mail.

If your application is approved, you will receive the first payment for enteral-feeding supplies, **within 30 days** of the date your application is approved.

How will I know which pump and what supplies to buy?

Your doctor or nurse practitioner may refer you to a nurse, dietician or occupational therapist with a special interest in enteral nutrition to help answer your questions about enteral feeding and help you choose your supplies. They will complete Section 4 of the application form.

There are many different types of enteral feeding pumps and supplies, and they vary in cost. You should discuss your needs and what you consider affordable with health professionals and vendors that can help you.

Where can I get my enteral feeding supplies?

You can buy your equipment and supplies from any vendor that sells these products.

You are required to retain the original receipts for supplies purchased under the annual grant for at least two years.

How long is my application good for? Do I have to be reassessed?

You will be sent a renewal form every two years to confirm your ongoing eligibility for enteral feeding supplies. The form is mailed to you or your agent, and must be completed and mailed, or faxed back to ADP for continued grant payments.

What if I need a new enteral feeding pump?

The designated funding period for an enteral feeding pump is 5 years. You should consider your lifestyle and abilities before choosing the type of pump you need.

You may be eligible for funding for a replacement pump, before or after the designated funding period has passed, if your pump is beyond economical repair or there is a change in your medical condition.

Funding for replacement pump is not automatic. You must send ADP a quote from your vendor describing the repairs required and the cost along with a completed application form.

ADP does not pay for a replacement if the original pump is lost, damaged through misuse, or under the manufacturer's warranty period.

What if I have more questions about ADP?

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