

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

- Custom-made ocular prostheses
- Custom made scleral lens prostheses
- Trial shells
- Modification, adjustments, reductions and therapeutic build-ups
- Recolouring and reveining
- Custom conformers
- Impression under anaesthesia

What kind of ocular prostheses are not covered by ADP?

- A second ocular prosthesis for the same side when the first prosthesis is still functional
- Prosthetic implants (hydroxyapatite) and attachment posts
- Repairs to ocular prostheses, conformers and scleral lens prostheses

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 ocular prosthesis 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.

How do I apply?

All applicants must be examined by an ophthalmologist (a medical doctor who specializes in eye care), a general practitioner or an optometrist.

Your general practitioner or ophthalmologist will refer you to an ADP registered authorizer who is a certified ocularist or certified dispensing optician registered with the National Examining Board of Ocularists (NEBO) or NEBO.

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

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. They will then contact you directly to proceed with delivery of the prosthesis and follow-up.

How much money does ADP contribute?

ADP pays 75% of the ADP approved price to the registered vendor. 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 may pay 100 per cent of the ADP approved price.

Does this mean that ADP will pay 100% of my costs for the prosthesis and/or the procedures?

Not necessarily. You must pay the vendor directly for any non ADP funding options you may chose to purchase for your prosthesis. Be sure to ask your vendor how much of the total cost you will be responsible for.

Is there a warranty for my ocular prosthesis?

The vendor must provide in writing:

- A three month warranty for proper fit of the ocular prosthesis.
- A one year warranty guarantee, under normal use against discolouration and separation of the materials.

Does ADP pay for repairs?

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

What if I am not eligible for ADP funding assistance?

If you need an ocular prosthesis but are not eligible for ADP, 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, War Amps Canada, Easter Seals Society, and community service groups.

What if I purchase my ocular prosthesis 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 prosthesis before ADP approves funding, you will be responsible for paying the full amount to the vendor if ADP cannot approve your application.

What if I need to replace my ocular prosthesis?

ADP may contribute to the cost of a new prosthesis if:

- Your medical condition of the orbital cavity or size of affected socket has changed
- Your current ocular prosthesis no longer usable due to growth or atrophy
- There is a proven need to replace the prosthesis such as deterioration of the device which jeopardizes the applicant's medical condition

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 have more questions about ADP?

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