COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

TYPE	**Patient Relations**
NAME	**Funding for Therapy or Counselling Eligibility Policy**
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THE POLICY

Eligibility Criteria

A person is eligible for funding for therapy and counselling if it is alleged that the person was sexually abused while the person was a patient of a registrant of the College of Denturists of Ontario (the "College").

Funding

The maximum funding available to each applicant for therapy or counselling is established by the Regulated Health Professions Act (the "RHPA") and is equivalent to the amount that the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) would pay for 200 half-hour sessions of individual out-patient psychotherapy with a psychiatrist. Under the RHPA, the funding provided is reduced by the amount that OHIP or a private insurer is willing to pay.

Funding is paid directly to the chosen therapist/counsellor and may only be used to pay for therapy or counselling. Funding if available for a maximum period of five years from the date on which the applicant became eligible.

The College is entitled to recover funding from:

- Reimbursement orders made by the Discipline Committee against the Denturist found guilty of sexually abusing the applicant;

- A civil action against the Denturist to recover the funding.

Choice of Therapist/Counsellor

1. An applicant for funding for therapy or counselling may choose any therapist or counselor except one who:
    a. is a family member; or

b. to the College's knowledge, has at any time or in any jurisdiction been found guilty of professional misconduct of a sexual nature or been found civilly or criminally liable for an act of a similar nature.

2. The College strongly recommends that applicants select a regulated health professional for provision of their therapy/counselling; however, this is not a requirement for funding.

3. Where an applicant selects a non-regulated practitioner, the applicant must submit an acknowledgement that the therapist/counsellor is not a regulated professional and therefore not subject to oversight and discipline by a regulatory authority.

REVISION CONTROL

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