



TYPE	Patient Relations
NAME	Funding for Therapy or Counselling Eligibility Policy
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ELIGIBILITY

If you have been sexually abused by a registrant of the College of Denturists of Ontario (the “College”), you may qualify for this program. A person is eligible for funding if **any** of the following scenarios apply:

- (a) It is alleged in a complaint or report that the applicant, while a patient, was sexually abused by a current or former registrant.
- (b) There has been a finding by a panel of the College’s Discipline Committee that the applicant, while a patient, was sexually abused by a current or former registrant.
- (c) A current or former registrant enters into an undertaking with the College to provide funding for therapy or counselling.
- (d) There is an admission made by a registrant in a statement to the College or in an agreement with the College that he or she sexually abused the applicant while the applicant was a patient of the registrant.
- (e) A current or former registrant has been convicted under the Criminal Code of Canada of sexually assaulting the applicant while the applicant was a patient of the registrant and the facts supporting the sexual assault constitute sexual abuse within the meaning of the Health Professions Procedural Code.
- (f) There is a statement, contained in the written reasons of a committee of the College given after a hearing, that the applicant, while a patient, was sexually abused by a current or former registrant.
- (g) There is sufficient information presented to the Patient Relations Committee to support a reasonable belief that the applicant, while a patient, was sexually abused by a current or former registrant.

THE POLICY

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Therapy and Counselling

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. This funding amounts to approximately \$17,940 per person and is accessible over a

five-year period. Under the RHPA, the funding provided is reduced by the amount that OHIP or a private insurer is willing to pay.

Support Funding

The College will provide additional funding for certain expenses associated with accessing therapy or counselling related to the sexual abuse. This support funding is only available concurrently with therapy or counselling that a patient is receiving pursuant to the RHPA. The total amount of support funding available is \$9,000. The \$9,000 may be used towards any of the following expenses:

Medications, Treatments or Remedies

The College will provide funding for medications, treatments or remedies directly connected to therapy for sexual abuse by a registrant, if it is prescribed or recommended by an Ontario regulated health professional and it is not paid for either through a government payment program (e.g., ODSP) or a third-party insurance company. These may take the form of prescription drugs, natural remedies, homeopathic treatments and other supplements.

The following documentation is required:

- Receipts identifying the medications, treatments or remedies and their costs.

Dependent care

The College will provide funding to support the cost of dependent care for one or more dependents who require care during the hours that an applicant attends therapy or counselling for sexual abuse by a registrant.

The following documentation is required:

- Completion of an attestation form provided by the College attesting that they have one or more dependent that requires care services while the patient is receiving therapy or counselling.

Travel expenses

The College will provide funding to a patient for the following expenses for travel to their therapist's office – mileage, public transit, taxi/ride share.

The following documentation is required:

- Mileage: a Google map setting out the kilometres between their home and therapist's office.
- Public Transit: Completion of an attestation form provided by the College regarding the costs to take public transit to their therapist's office.
- Taxi/Ride Share: Receipts for the costs for a taxi or ride share to their therapist's office.

REVISION CONTROL

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