



<b>TYPE</b>	<b>Patient Relations</b>
<b>NAME</b>	<b>Funding for Therapy or Counselling Eligibility Policy</b>
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## ELIGIBILITY

If you have been sexually abused by a member 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 situations apply:

- (a) It is alleged (in a complaint or report) that the applicant, while a patient, was sexually abused by a member or former member;
- (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 member or former member;
- (c) A member or former member enters into an undertaking with the College to provide funding for therapy and counselling;
- (d) There is an admission made by a member 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 member or former member;
- (e) A member or former member has been convicted under the Criminal Code (Canada) of sexually assaulting the applicant while the applicant was a patient of the member or former member 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 member or former member; or

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 member or former member.

## THE POLICY

### **Available Funding for Patients who have been Sexually Abused by a Member of the College of Denturists of Ontario Policy**

#### ***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 \$16,000 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 member, 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:

- The patient must provide 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 requires care during the hours that an applicant attends therapy or counselling for sexual abuse by the member. The following documentation is required:

- The patient must attest to the fact that they have one or more dependent that requires care services while the patient is receiving therapy or counselling (attestation form provided by the College).

Travel expenses

The College will provide funding to a patient for the following expenses for travel to their therapist’s office:

1. Mileage
2. Public Transit
3. Taxi/Ride share

The following documentation is required:

- Mileage: The patient must provide a Google map setting out the kilometres between a patient’s home and their therapist’s office.
- Public Transit: The patient must attest to their costs to take public transit to their therapist’s office (attestation form provided by the College).
- Taxi/Ride Share: The patient must provide receipts identifying the costs for a taxi or ride share (e.g., Uber) to their therapist’s office.

**REVISION CONTROL**

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