



FUNDING FOR THERAPY AND COUNSELLING PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

If you have been sexually abused by a Registered Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner or Acupuncturist, you may be eligible to receive funding for therapy and counselling from the College.

The *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA)*, mandates that each regulatory college has the responsibility to create and administer a fund for therapy and counselling for patients who allege sexual abuse by a member. This funding program is administered by the Patient Relations Committee, a statutory committee of College.

Eligibility

A person is eligible for funding if it is alleged in a complaint or Registrar's Report that the person was sexually abused by a member while the person was a patient of the member.

A patient is eligible for funding for therapy and counselling immediately after filing a complaint and confirming that they are proceeding with the complaints process. If the patient does not wish to file the complaint themselves, they would remain eligible for funding as soon as the complaint has been confirmed or an investigation has commenced.

Choice of Therapist or Counsellor

The patient may choose the therapist or counsellor of their choice. However, their application for funding will need to meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. The therapist or counsellor cannot be a relative of the patient.
2. The therapist or counsellor cannot have been, to the College's knowledge, at any time or in any jurisdiction, found guilty of professional misconduct of a sexual nature or have been found civilly or criminally liable for an act of a similar nature.
3. If the therapist or counsellor is not a regulated health professional, the patient understands that the therapist or counsellor is not subject to professional discipline.

Funding

Funding is paid directly to the therapist or counsellor chosen by the patient and can only be used to pay for therapy or counselling related to the sexual abuse. Patients can access the funding for more than one therapist if they choose to do so.

The maximum amount of funding that may be provided to a person in respect of sexual abuse is the amount that the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) would pay for 200 half-hour sessions of individual outpatient psychotherapy with a psychiatrist on the day the person becomes eligible for funding.

The amount of funding provided will be reduced by any amount reimbursed by the OHIP or a private insurer during the relevant time period. Patients are required to use other available sources of funding, such as private insurance, first.

The maximum period for coverage for counselling and therapy is five years from the date the patient became eligible or the date they first received therapy or counselling.

How to Apply

An application for funding and related documents are to be completed and submitted in order to apply for funding for therapy or counselling for patients sexually abused by a Registered Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner and/or Acupuncturist.

Form A Application for Funding For Therapy and Counselling *To be completed by the Patient*

To be considered for funding, the patient will need to submit Form A to the Patient Relations Committee. This Committee is responsible for reviewing applications and determining eligibility for funding. The applicant does not need to have a therapist or counsellor already in place in order to apply for funding.

Form B Therapist or Counsellor Information *To be completed by the Patient and Therapist or Counsellor*

Form B must be completed by the applicant and Therapist or Counsellor. The form can be submitted with Form A or after the Patient Relations Committee determines that a patient is eligible.

Form C Request for Reimbursement of Past Therapy Costs *To be completed by the Patient*

Form C allows the patient to request reimbursement for past therapy or counselling that was paid out-of-pocket. Invoices or receipts must be provided with the completed Form C.

Form D Invoice *To be completed by the Patient and Therapist or Counsellor*

Form D must be completed by the Therapist or Counsellor every time they send an invoice to the College. Invoices must contain dates of the therapy and counselling and duration (in hours) per session.

Completed forms may be submitted to the College to the attention of the **Patient Relations Committee** by email at prc@ctcmpao.on.ca or by mail:

CTCMPAO Patient Relations Committee
705-55 Commerce Valley Drive West
Thornhill, ON L3T 7V9

Other information

After applying for funding, College staff will contact the patient to confirm receipt of the application, and to let them know if any additional information is required. The Patient will also be notified of the timelines associated with the Patient Relations Committee's review of the application.

The Patient Relations Committee does not meet with the patient. The Patient Relations Committee will meet independently to review the application for funding and the supporting documentation.

For more information, please contact us by email at prc@ctcmpao.on.ca or by phone 416-238-7359 ext. 3334.