



Task Title: Requesting Financial Support for Health Expenses

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Learner Name: _____

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Successful Completion: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal Path: Employment ☐ Apprenticeship ☐

Secondary School ☐ Post Secondary ☐ Independence ☐

Task Description: The learner will read about a health assistance program for low-income residents, and answer questions.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Read continuous text/A1.2

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper and/or digital device

Learner Information

In addition to OW and ODSP, there may be financial supports available to assist low-income residents with certain types of health expenses.

Read “Help with Health-Related Expenses for Low-Income Residents”.

Help with Health-Related Expenses for Low-Income Residents

Funds may be available to pay for certain medically based items/services such as eyeglasses, emergency dental work, medication, medical items (walkers, hearing aids, hospital beds and more) or funeral expenses. Low-income Toronto residents who are not receiving assistance from Ontario Works, Emergency Assistance or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) can apply regardless of their immigration status in Canada.

If you are not receiving social assistance, you can apply to see if you qualify for help with health-related expenses. It is important that you apply before paying for your medical items/services, as you may not be reimbursed for some items/services if you have already paid for them.

Who Can Apply

Low-income Toronto residents, who are not receiving assistance from Ontario Works/Emergency Assistance or ODSP, who require help with a medically based item/service, may apply.

How to Apply

To apply, call 416-338-8888 (select option #3). You will need to provide information about your financial situation and have details and a cost estimate for the medically based item/service you need. It is important that you apply before paying for your medical items/services, as you may not be reimbursed for some items/services if you have already paid for them.

If you do not speak English or French, you will need an interpreter when you call to apply. For help finding an interpreter, visit 211Toronto.

After Applying

Your eligibility will depend on the cost of the medically-based item/service you need, whether or not that item/service qualifies for funding, and your financial situation.

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Low-income residents who apply for help with the cost of health-related expenses will be told by the caseworker whether or not they qualify after all needed documents have been provided.

Adapted from: <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/employment-social-support/health-support/?accordion=help-with-health-related-expenses-for-low-income-residents>

Work Sheet

Task 1: List five things that may be covered through this fund.

Answer:

Task 2: Explain why individuals need to apply for this fund before paying for medical items.

Answer:

Task 3: List two things that must be provided to a caseworker when applying for funding.

Answer:

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Task 4: Explain how an individual will hear back about whether or not their application has been approved.

Answer:
