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# Funding for Therapy & Counselling Fact Sheet

*The Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)* requires all health regulatory Colleges to establish programs that provide funding for therapy and counselling for persons who, while patients/ clients, were sexually abused by a Member of that College. See section 85.7 of the RHPA for more information or contact the CRTO.

## Background

The College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario has established a program to provide funding for therapy or counselling for persons who, while patients/clients, were sexually abused by members of the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario. Throughout the process, the College is committed to treating applicants for funding in a sensitive and respectful manner.

## Administration of the Program

The Program and the funding is administered by the College's Patient Relations Committee, which is composed of both Respiratory Therapists and members of the public who have been appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The Program is funded by the membership.

## Eligibility for Funding

A person is eligible for funding under the Program if the College Discipline Committee finds that the person, while a patient/client of a member of the CRTO, was sexually abused by that member.

## Applications for Funding

To apply for funding applicants must complete a form which will be reviewed by the Patient Relations Committee. The Committee will determine eligibility.

## Choice of Therapist / Counselor

A person who is applying for funding for therapy or counselling may choose any therapist or counselor except one who has a family relationship with the applicant.

Also, if the therapist or counselor is not a member of a regulated health profession, the College will require that the patient/client sign a waiver indicating that s/he understands that the therapist or counselor is not regulated and therefore the College cannot verify whether the therapist or counselor has ever been found guilty of sexual abuse.

#### Funding

Funding is paid directly to the therapist/counselor chosen by the person and can only be used to pay for therapy or counselling related to the sexual abuse. The therapist or counselor will be requested to submit his or her invoices to the College. The amount of funding provided will be reduced by any amount reimbursed by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or a private insurer during the relevant time period.

#### Amount and Period of Funding

Funding may be provided for up to five years from the date of the commencement of the discipline hearing or the date of the finding of sexual abuse by the Discipline Committee. The maximum amount of funding that may be provided is the amount that the OHIP would pay for 200 half-hour sessions of individual out-patient psychotherapy with a psychiatrist on the day the person becomes eligible. Currently, this is approximately \$16,060.00.

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*For more information on the application process, please contact Melanie Jones-Drost, Deputy Registrar at extension 24 or [jones-drost@crto.on.ca](mailto:jones-drost@crto.on.ca)*

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