

Overview

The College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) maintains a program to provide funding for therapy and counselling to patients/clients who allege that they were sexually abused by a Member of the CRTO. The CRTO's Patient Relations Committee administers the program.

The CRTO is committed to treating individuals who apply to access the funding in a sensitive and respectful manner.

Who is eligible?

A person is eligible for funding for therapy and counselling when:

1. It is alleged in a complaint that the person was sexually abused by a Member of the CRTO while that person was a patient/client of the Member; or
2. The Registrar initiates an investigation with respect to allegations that a person was sexually abused by a Member of the CRTO, while that person was a patient/client of the Member.

Available Funding

- The maximum amount of funding that may be provided is equal 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 on the day the person becomes eligible (this is approximately \$17,000).
- The amount of funding provided will be reduced by any amount reimbursed by OHIP or a private insurer during the relevant time period.
- Funding is available for five (5) years from the date the person became eligible or the date they first received therapy or counselling for which they sought funding.
- Funding is paid directly to the therapist or counsellor.
- Funding may only be used to pay for therapy or counselling (e.g., the CRTO will not provide funding for fees charged for late or missed appointments or for the cost of travel to appointments).

Note: Providing funding for therapy does not mean the Member has been found guilty of sexual abuse. A separate CRTO process investigates the sexual abuse complaint or report.



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Choosing a Therapist or Counsellor

A patient/client who is applying for funding may choose any therapist or counsellor as long as the therapist or counsellor:

- Is **not** a relative of the patient/client; or
- Has not, at any time or in any jurisdiction, been found guilty of professional misconduct of a sexual nature or been found civilly or criminally liable for an act of a similar nature.

If the therapist or counsellor is not a member of a regulated health profession, the CRTO will require the applicant to sign a document stating that they understand that the therapist or counsellor is unregulated, and as such, is not/will not be subject to professional discipline by a regulatory college.

Applicants can use the funding to see more than one therapist or counsellor if they so choose.

Application for Funding

- **[Application for Funding – Form A](#)**

An individual may apply for funding for therapy and counselling by completing the Application for Funding – Form A. Once the application is received, CRTO staff will contact the applicant to advise them of the tentative timelines for the review of the application.

The Patient Relations Committee will review the application and determine if the applicant meets the eligibility criteria.

- **[Application for Funding – Form B](#)**

Form B is to be completed by the Applicant and their therapist or counsellor. Form B can be submitted together with Form A at the time of the application, or if the Applicant has not yet chosen a therapist or counsellor, it may be submitted after the Patient Relations Committee has approved the application.

The complete form(s) should be submitted to the CRTO by email or mail.

Email: officeofregistrar@crto.on.ca

Mail: Patient Relations Committee, College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario
180 Dundas Street West, Suite 2103
Toronto, Ontario M5G 1Z



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References

- Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, Schedule 2, Health Professions Procedural Code, [s. 85.7](#)
- [Ontario Regulation 59/94](#) - Funding for Therapy or Counselling for Patients Sexually Abused by Members

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