

INFOBulletin

Keeping health care providers informed of payment, policy or program changes

To: Affected Physician and Dental Surgeons

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Re: Oral and Maxillofacial Rehabilitation Program

The Ontario government is pleased to announce the creation of the Oral and Maxillofacial Rehabilitation Program (OMRP). This program will provide funding for patients who require an implant-retained maxillofacial intraoral prosthesis to restore oral function when no other treatment alternative exists.

This program is initially being offered at three treatment centres:

- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre,
- London Health Sciences Centre, and
- The University Health Network and Mount Sinai Hospital (joint initiative).

Eligibility Requirements for OMRP:

In order to be eligible for the OMRP, applicants must be in possession of a valid Ontario Health Card Number and be 18 years or older¹. In addition, individuals must be eligible for an Assistive Devices Program (ADP) Maxillofacial Intraoral Prosthesis, and, in the clinical opinion of an ADP Authorizer and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon,:

- the severity of the patient's condition is such that the patient is or will be unable to retain their ADP funded maxillofacial intraoral prosthesis, and
- the patient is a suitable candidate for dental implant surgery, and
- no other treatment alternative exists and an implant-supported maxillofacial intraoral prosthesis is required as a substitute for partially or totally absent tissue and to restore function of the oral complex.

Typical patients for this program will have had a major jaw reconstruction following a condition affecting the oral complex, such as a major avulsive traumatic injury requiring reconstruction or tumour ablation surgery, and are then subsequently unable to retain their maxillofacial intraoral prosthesis without the aid of dental implants.



The Connection Between the OMRP and the Assistive Devices Program (ADP):

In order to be eligible for the OMRP, the highly specialized prostheses that are required by this patient population have to be funded through the ADP and supplied by vendors registered with the ADP.

Patients will **not** be eligible to receive funding from the OMRP if any of the following applies:

- they do not meet ADP's eligibility requirements to receive an ADP funded maxillofacial intraoral prosthesis, or
- they require a device that is not listed in the ADP's product manual (e.g. fixed devices such as a crown or bridge), or
- their maxillofacial intraoral prosthesis is made by a non-ADP registered supplier.

To learn more about ADP and the prosthetic devices they fund, please visit

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/adp/about.aspx>

Referrals and Eligibility Assessments:

In order to have an assessment completed to determine if a patient is eligible for the OMRP, the patient must be referred to one of the treatment centres by a physician or dentist.

In general, patients should be cancer free for a period of one year prior to a referral for this program.

For a copy of the application form, please visit the Central Forms Repository at:

<http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/?opendatabase&ENV=WWE>

Once the hospital site has received the application form from the referring provider, the patient will be contacted by the site to arrange for an assessment of their eligibility for the OMRP. Eligibility assessments will involve an in-person visit and will be conducted by an ADP registered Authorizer and an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon.

Program Coverage:

The program provides funding for 100% of the treatment costs for a defined list of services, including the surgical placement of dental implants and the modifications to the ADP funded prosthesis that are required to attach it to the implants.

Costs not covered by the Oral and Maxillofacial Rehabilitation Program:

Dental implant surgery and prosthodontic services that have not first been approved through the complete application process to the OMRP and/or are delivered at locations other than the designated program sites listed above, including private dental offices, will not be funded by the OMRP.

This program is also not a substitute for private dental insurance and does not pay for routine dentistry (e.g. cleanings or fillings).

The actual prosthesis must be funded through the Assistive Devices Program. Under the ADP, some patients may be responsible for a portion of the costs associated with their prosthetic device. The ADP Authorizer will advise patients on these costs.

This program also does not cover orthodontic services, services required following discharge from the program or travel costs associated with treatment.

For more information on the Oral and Maxillofacial Rehabilitation Program, please visit our website at: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/omrp/>

ⁱ Those below 18 years of age can apply for funding for required dental rehabilitation services through the Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Program. To learn more about this program, please visit <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/child/cleft.aspx>