



Funding for Your Orthoses

At Ortho Design, we understand that accessing funding for orthotic devices can, at times, seem overwhelming. Below is some information that you may find helpful. You will also find links to a variety of organizations that may have funding available to you. We are always available to answer your questions and to help you through this process.

Government Funding Agencies:

PharmaCare

Some types of orthotic devices, for children aged 18 & younger, may qualify for funding through PharmaCare. If not already registered, we recommend that you register your child as soon as possible. Private insurance companies/extended benefit plans may require us to first apply through PharmaCare to see if a portion of the cost will be covered using this government funding source.

There are different approval codes that PharmaCare uses, and these determine how much they will cover.

Plan “I” – once registered, most people qualify for Plan “I”, This plan requires a deductible to be met before PharmaCare will assist with funding. The deductible is based on the family income from 2 years prior.

Plan “C” - is for children who are in foster care or whose parents receive BC Income Assistance. On this program, orthotic devices are usually covered, as long as PharmaCare registration is current and doesn't lapse.

Plan “F” – is for children who are registered in the At Home Program. *“This program is for children with severe disabilities who are dependent in multiple areas of daily living.”* On this program, orthotic devices are usually covered, as long as PharmaCare registration is current and doesn't lapse.

Plan “W” - is for children who are First Nations and have a status number. This funding is accessed through FNHA/Blue Cross. On this program, orthotic devices are usually covered.

PharmaCare funding may cover items such as SMOs, AFOs, TLSOs, KAFOs, and Hip Orthoses. Children under the At Home Program (Plan “F”) and FNHA may also qualify for funding for FOs, WHOs, COs and a variety of other items.

Ministry of Social Development & Innovation (MSD)

Orthotic devices are available to clients who are eligible for general health supplements through MSD or are registered as Persons with Disabilities.

Jordan’s Principle

Funding applies to all First Nations children. “the government of first contact must pay for services – governments and departments will work together afterwards to figure out who pays”. FNHA/BlueCross is considered the first contact.

Phone: 1-778-951-0716

Website: <https://jordansprinciplehubbc.ca/how-to-request-in-bc/>

Other Funding Sources

Below is a list of organizations that may help provide funding. These are generally for those who do not have an extended benefit plan and are experiencing financial hardship. We can provide an estimate for you to submit with your application. Regarding funding for children, most of these organizations typically require you to be registered with PharmaCare.

Variety – the Children’s Charity of BC

Phone: 1-800-381-2040

Website: <https://www.variety.bc.ca/support/>

Cops for Kids

Phone: 1-877-500-4543

Website: <https://copsforkids.org/funding-for-families/>

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of British Columbia

Phone: 1-604-878-7000

Website: <http://www.sbhabc.org/our-programs>

MS Society of Canada

Phone: 1-844-859-6789

Website: <https://mscanada.ca/quality-of-life-equipment-program>

Metis Nation British Columbia

Phone: 1-800-940-1150

Website: <https://www.mnbc.ca/work-programs/programs-services/miyoopimatishihk-wellbeing-program>

Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada

Phone: 1-800-567-2873

Website: <https://muscle.ca/services-support/personal-support-program/equipment-program/>

BC Rehab Foundation

Phone: 1-778-999-5757 (temporary)

Website: <https://bcrehab.org/applications/individual-grant/>

Kinsmen Foundation of BC

Phone: Contact via the website below

Website: <https://www.kinsmenfoundationofbc.ca/apply-for-funding/>