

GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR OUT-OF-PROVINCE / OUT-OF-COUNTRY CARE

ONTARIO

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For More Information:

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

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Note: out-of-province (i.e., outside Ontario but within Canada) care is not addressed here as Ontario has the greatest availability of specialized eating disorder services in the country. In general, for Ontario residents, receiving care elsewhere in Canada is not a viable option due to the scarcity (or absence) of eating disorder facilities in other provinces and territories.

Out-of-Country

Prior approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is required in order for patients to receive funding for OHIP-insured hospital and medical services out-of-country (OOC). Physicians seeking OOC treatment on behalf of patients must complete and submit a Prior Approval Application Form to the Ministry before funding will be considered.

Application Form: [http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/GetFileAttach/014-4520-84~1/\\$File/4520-84E.pdf](http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/GetFileAttach/014-4520-84~1/$File/4520-84E.pdf)

Completed applications may be faxed to 1-866-221-3536 or 1-613-536-3181 or sent to:

Provider Payment Programs, Out of Country Unit
Health Services Branch
370 Select Drive, PO Box 168
Kingston, ON K7M 8T4

Specialist Confirmation

Requests for prior approval for funding of OOC health services require written confirmation

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from an Ontario physician who is a specialist in the type of service for which funding is requested. The specialist must confirm that the service is:

- Generally accepted by the medical profession in Ontario as appropriate for a person in the same medical circumstances as the insured person, and
- Medically necessary, and EITHER
 - An identical or equivalent service is not performed in Ontario, OR
 - An identical or equivalent service is performed in Ontario, but it is necessary for the insured person to travel out of Canada to avoid death or medically significant irreversible tissue damage.

General practitioners (GPs) who submit applications MUST include confirmation from a specialist.

U.S. Preferred Providers

The Ministry has special funding agreements with certain U.S. facilities, referred to as “preferred providers” (see U.S. Eating Disorder Programs Covered by OHIP). Only applications with proposals to receive treatment at a preferred provider will be considered.

Approval Process

When a patient's application for OOC Prior Approval has been processed by the Ministry a decision letter will be sent to you and a copy sent to your physician. The Ministry's decision letter will clearly outline what service(s) have been approved, the facility where the service(s) are to be provided and the approved cost of the service(s).

The decision letter is based on the medical documentation that was provided with the application. If a patient's circumstances change, the physician may submit a new prior approval application to the ministry requesting new treatment and/or services as well as the proposed OOC physician/facility for consideration.

A patient whose application was denied may appeal the decision by requesting an Internal Review and/or a hearing before the Health Services Appeal and Review Board. For more information, go to http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/ohip/outofcountry/prior_approval.aspx.

Services Not Eligible for Out-of-Country Funding

In the case of prior approvals, the ministry only covers costs for prior approved medical services. OHIP does not pay for ambulance services, travel, accommodation, meals (except where included as part of insured services), or take-home prescriptions. Treatment that is generally accepted in Ontario as experimental, for research or a survey including clinical and drug trials is also excluded.