

Sources of Funding Assistance
and/or
Rehabilitation Equipment Loan Programs

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The workshop was hosted by the provincial government. Input into the planning for the workshop was also provided by a number of disability related community groups on behalf of the New Brunswick Disability Executives Network.

Following the workshop, the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons prepared an updated version of this material and placed it on their website at www.gnb.ca/0048/.

Please advise the Premier's Council of any additions/deletions to be made.

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Public School System

Anglophone Districts

Department of Education
Student Services
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Contact: Brian Kelly, Director
Telephone: (506) 444-4711
Fax: (506) 457-7835
Website: www.gnb.ca/0000/index-e.asp

Francophone districts

Department of Education
Student Services
C.P. 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Gina St-Laurent, Director
Telephone: (506) 453-2750
Fax: (506) 457-7835
Website: www.gnb.ca/0000/index-f.asp

The public school system does provide some items of equipment required by students with disabilities to be able to participate. These items would include communication aids, computers, and other assistive technology.

Francophone Districts

Department of Education
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Jasmine Gallant, Provincial Supervisor
Telephone: (506) 453-2750
Fax: (506) 457-7835
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APSEA - Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority

There are special resources available for students who are deaf or hard of hearing and for students who are blind or visually impaired.

Anglophone Districts

Department of Education
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Website: www.apsea.ca

Educational Services for Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Sharon Robertson, Provincial Supervisor

Telephone: (506) 444-4712

Fax: (506) 457-7835

E-mail: Sharon.Robertson@gnb.ca

Provincial Supervisor for Students with Visual Impairments

Christine Purcell, Provincial Supervisor

Telephone: (506) 444-4737

Fax: (506) 457-7835

E-mail: christine.purcell@gnb.ca

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

P.O. Box 6000

Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Telephone: (506) 453-2001

Fax: (506) 453-7478

Website: www.gnb.ca/0017/index-e.asp

To contact your local branch of the Department of Social Development, use the appropriate toll-free number for your area:

Region 1: 1 (866) 426-5191

Moncton
 Richibucto
 Sackville
 Shediac
 St. George

Region 2: 1 (866) 441-4340

Saint John
 St. Stephen
 Sussex
 Hampton

Region 3: 1 (866) 444-8838

Fredericton
 Woodstock
 Perth-Andover

Region 4: 1 (866) 441-4249

Edmundston
 Grand Falls

Region 5: 1 (866) 441-4245

Campbellton
 Kedgwick

Region 6: 1 (866) 441-4341

Bathurst

Region 7: 1 (866) 441-4246

Miramichi
 Neguac

Region 8: 1 (866) 441-4149

Caraquet
 Tracadie-Sheila
 Lamèque
 Shippagan

The Health Services Program

The Health Services Program under Social Development, also referred to as the "health card", assists eligible clients with the purchase of certain basic items not ordinarily covered by Medicare or private health plans. Eligible benefits can include some dental and vision services.

Eligible equipment items can include wheelchairs, bathroom aids, patient lifts, walkers, repairs, replacement parts, hearing aids, orthopedic items, ostomy supplies, prosthetic items, oxygen and tube feeding supplies.

A health card is provided to the following clients of the Department of Social Development:

- Social Assistance clients and their dependents;
- Individuals who have special health needs and qualify under Section 4.4 of the Family Income Security Act and Regulations for extended health care;
- Children in the care of the Minister;
- Residents of nursing homes, special care homes, community residences and psychiatric hospitals
- Children with special needs who are clients of the Community Based Services for Children with Special Needs Program (CBSCSN), where the family demonstrates financial needs. These children may receive a health card for specific items directly related to the child's special needs;
- Children where it has been recommended that income assistance be provided for board and lodging (Section 22).

Family and Community Social Services (SDS)

In certain situations, special items or equipment are purchased by SDS to meet specific needs to SDS clients if these needs cannot be met through the health card. These situations are considered on an individual basis. SDS local offices are listed on page 6 of this document.

Nursing Home Services (NHS)

There are situations where special items or equipment are approved for purchase by NHS to meet specific needs of individuals residing in a nursing home. If these needs cannot be met through the health card or through the Red Cross Seniors

Rehabilitation Equipment Program, these needs are considered on an individual basis.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Revenue and Taxation Division, Refund Section

P.O. Box 3000

Fredericton, NB E3B 5G5

Web site: www.gnb.ca/0024/index-e.asp

Motor Vehicle Tax Refund for Disabled Persons

Upon the purchase of a motor vehicle in the Province of New Brunswick, the New Brunswick Government may refund the 8% provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) purchased from a registrant or 14% Provincial Tax (PVT) on private sale transactions for persons with disabilities if:

- the motor vehicle is specially equipped with a device to enable a wheelchair or scooter to enter or leave the passenger vehicle (i.e. hydraulic lifts); or
- the motor vehicle is specially equipped with auxiliary driving controls (does not include spinner knobs) that are used to facilitate the operation of the passenger vehicle; and
- the motor vehicle is not operated by any person for the purpose of earning a profit for any person or as part of any undertaking carried on for gain; and
- the claimant is not eligible for any other GST/HST credit or rebate related to this purchase.

Applications for refund of the 8% provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), form #HST-R-02, or 14% Provincial Vehicle Tax (PVT) form #PVT-R-01, can be obtained at any Service New Brunswick Centre or by contacting the Revenue & Taxation Division, Department of Finance at (506) 453-2404.

Along with the application the claimant must submit the following necessary supporting documents:

For refund of the 8% provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST):

(a) Copy of Bill of Sale and/or New Brunswick Tax Receipt;

- (b) Proof that motor the vehicle is specially equipped with a device to enable a wheelchair or scooter to enter or leave the passenger vehicle; or
- (c) Proof that motor vehicle is fitting with auxiliary driving controls that are used to facilitate the operation of the passenger vehicle, truck, or van; and
- (d) Letter from a medical practitioner certifying that the person is disabled.

For refund of the 14% Provincial vehicle Tax (PVT) on private sale transactions:

- (a) Copy of Bill of Sale and New Brunswick Tax Receipt;
- (b) Proof that the motor vehicle is specially equipped with a device to enable a wheelchair or scooter to enter or leave the passenger vehicle; or
- (c) Proof that the motor vehicle is fitting with auxiliary driving controls that are used to facilitate the operation of the passenger vehicle, truck, or van; and
- (d) Letter from a medical practitioner certifying that the person is disabled.

Inquiries on refund eligibility and/or criteria can be made to the Revenue and Taxation Division of the Department of Finance at: (506) 453-2404.

Please note: Any inquiry on eligibility for obtaining a refund of the HST paid on adaptive equipment placed on such motor vehicles or the 6% portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax paid on the purchase of the motor vehicle must be made to the Canada Revenue Agency at (800) 959-5525.

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR

Student Financial Services Branch

P.O. Box 6000
500 - 77 Westmorland Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Telephone: (506) 453-2577

Toll-free: (800) 667-5626

Fax: (506) 444-4333

Website: www.studentaid.gnb.ca

www.aideauxetudiants.gnb.ca

Post secondary students with a disability may be eligible for a grant for up to \$8,000 a year from the federal government to cover exceptional education-related costs associated with certain permanent disabilities.

To apply for the Canada Study Grant for the Accommodation of Students with Permanent Disabilities, one must apply to the Student Loan Program to demonstrate need and fill out a separate application form for the grant.

Rehabilitation equipment needed in order to participate in the educational program is an eligible expense to be considered for the grant, along with other supports.

Training and Employment Support Services (TESS)

Website: www.gnb.ca/0311/2ee.htm

Employment Regional Offices:

Bathurst	(506) 549-5766	Campbellton	(506) 789-2411
Caraquet	(506) 726-2639	Edmundston	(506) 735-2677
Fredericton	(506) 453-2377	Grand Falls	(506) 475-4025
Miramichi	(506) 627-4000	Moncton	(506) 869-6944
Neguac	(506) 627-4000	Perth-Andover	(506) 273-4559
Richibucto	(506) 523-7612	Sackville	(506) 869-6944
Saint John	(506) 643-6964	Shediac	(506) 869-6944
Shippagan	(506) 336-3036	St. Stephen	(506) 466-7627
Sussex	(506) 432-2110	Tracadie-Sheila	(506) 726-2639
Woodstock	(506) 325-4406		

TESS provides funding for support services to persons with disabilities to help decrease barriers they face in achieving their occupational goal, obtaining employment or resuming employment when it has been interrupted.

Some of the services available through TESS include counselling to help decide on a suitable career plan, purchase of adaptive equipment required to pursue a career and assistance with special educational or training costs.

To find out how this program might help you, contact the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour in your area.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Claudette McAllister, Coordinator
 Vehicle Retrofit Program
 Department of Transportation
 P. O. Box 6000
 Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Telephone: (506) 453-5818
 Fax: (506) 453-5859

E-mail: claudette.mcallister@gnb.ca
 Website:

www.gnb.ca/0113/access-trans/veh-retrofit-e.asp

Vehicle Retrofitting and Accessible Vehicle Program

The Vehicle Retrofit Program will provide a maximum grant of 80% of the first \$5,625 and 50% of next \$7,000 to individuals, registered non-profit organizations, municipalities or private companies towards the cost of supporting and/or installing eligible accessibility features for a new or existing vehicle, renewable every ten years. Organizations that provide transportation services for the disabled community will be eligible to renew their limit every five years.

Some examples of retrofitting and accessibility features eligible for assistance under the program are:

- wheelchair lifts and ramps;
- hand controls, steering devices and left-foot gas pedals;
- wheelchair restraint systems;
- special needs seating;
- roof, floor and door alterations (if part of an accessible retrofit) and
- scooter lifts

Consideration may be given to other features not listed above.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

HEALTH CANADA

First Nations and Inuit Health Branch

Maritime Centre

1525 - 1505 Barrington Street

Halifax, NS B3J 3Y6

Toll-free (In the Maritimes): (800) 565-3294

The **Non-Insured Health Benefits Program** is Health Canada's national, needs-based health benefit program that funds benefit claims for a specified range of drugs, dental care, vision care, medical supplies and equipment, short-term crisis intervention mental health counselling and medical transportation for eligible First Nations people and Inuit.

VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA (VAC)

Atlantic Region

40 Alderney Drive

Dartmouth, NS B2Y 2N5

Service in English: (866) 522-2122

Service in French: (866) 522-2022

E-mail: information@vac-acc.gc.ca

New Brunswick District Offices:

501 - 157 Water St.

Campbellton, NB E3N 3L4

Customs Building

189 Prince William St., 5th floor

Saint John, NB E2L 2B9

Aids for Daily Living

This program provides devices and accessories, including necessary repairs, designed to assist the activities of your daily living.

Examples of covered devices/accessories are:

- walking aids such as canes and walkers;
- daily activity aids for getting dressed and eating;
- bedroom aids such as foot boards or over-bed tables;
- bathroom aids such as raised toilet seats or bath benches

Admissibility

Two groups of clients are eligible for health care benefits through VAC.

Group "A" clients: You must have established eligibility for a pension from Veterans Affairs Canada. You may only use your card to obtain approved benefits directly related to your pensioned condition. Your provider must obtain authorization from VAC before benefits can be provided.

Group "B" clients: You must have established who is eligible for treatment of non-pensioned conditions. You are eligible for approved benefits provided you have a clearly demonstrated health need and these benefits are not covered by your provincial health plan. If you are a "B" client, your provider must bill the appropriate provincial health program for the portion of the benefit that is covered by your province.

To be eligible for benefits under POC 1, you must have an "A" or a "B" under POC 1 on your VAC Health Care Identification Card. Your access to benefits will depend on your eligibility and on your health care needs.

Program Details

Benefits available through POC 1 may be subject to certain limitations or restrictions. These are in place to help safeguard your health and to serve you better. Information on these limitations and restrictions, as well as other important information about POC 1, are contained in the POC 1 Benefit Grid.

ORGANIZATIONS

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY -NB DIVISION

P.O. Box 2089
Saint John, NB E2L 3T5

Telephone: (506) 634-6272

Toll-free: (800) 455-9090

Fax: (506)634-3808

Cancer Information Services line: (888) 939-3333

Website: www.nb.cancer.ca

The Canadian Cancer Society – New Brunswick Division may assist cancer patients with ground transportation costs for cancer treatments (chemotherapy and radiation).

Residents of New Brunswick who have been diagnosed with cancer who are in financial need for ground transportation are encouraged to apply.

Our eligibility criteria use a sliding scale that takes income, expense, size of household and savings into account. To request an application, please call (800) 455-9090.

The Canadian Cancer Society – New Brunswick Division also works with Easter Seals New Brunswick to cover the cost of up to 2 pieces of recycled equipment for cancer patients in financial need.

Other practical support items available and free of charge include temporary breast prostheses and wigs.

CANADIAN DEAFBLIND AND RUBELLA ASSOCIATION - NB/PEI CHAPTER

301 - 259 Brunswick Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 1G8

Telephone: (506) 452-1544

Fax: (506) 451-8309

E-mail: cdbra@nb.aibn.com

Website: www.deafblind.nb.ca

This organization has a program to help deafblind individuals obtain new/recycled communication devices, hearing aids, vision aids and computers.

CANADIAN RED CROSS

P.O. Box 39
 70 Lansdowne Avenue
 Saint John, NB E2L 3X3

Telephone: (506) 674-6200
 Fax: (506) 674-6129
 24-hour Homemaker: (800) 588-4881
 Website: www.redcross.ca

24-Hour Emergency Service

Telephone: (800) 222-9597

Several types of equipment, from wheelchair cushions to specialized wheelchairs, are loaned to persons over 65 years of age through their government-funded **Seniors' Rehabilitative Specialized Equipment Program** by contacting (506) 647-6150. A written referral from a health professional is required for this service and should be directed to the Canadian Red Cross, at the above address.

Referrals for specialized equipment for individuals 65 years of age and over should be directed to the attention of the Specialized Rehabilitative Equipment Coordinator at the regional office in Saint John.

Standard equipment is also loaned to persons under 65 years of age. Contact (506) 674-6146.

Not all programs of the community-based senior services are offered in all areas. If a client has any questions regarding services offered in their area, they should contact the nearest district office:

Southern District Offices

Saint John District Office

70 Lansdowne Avenue
 P.O. Box 39
 Saint John, NB E2L 3X3

Telephone: (506) 674-6132
 Fax: (506) 674-6129

Sussex District Office

58A Willow Court
 Sussex, NB E4E 2L2

Telephone: (506) 433-5886
 Fax: (506) 433-3588

Northern District Offices

Bathurst District Office

101 - 216 Main Street
Bathurst, NB E2A 1A8

Telephone: (506) 548-2824
Fax: (506) 548-0831

Atholville District Office

3 Savoie Avenue
Atholville, NB E3N 4A8

Telephone: (506) 759-8521
Fax: (506) 753-2487

Tracadie District Office

613-3 Rivière à la Truite Road
P.O. Box 3478, Station Main
Tracadie-Sheila, NB E1X 1G5

Telephone: (506) 395-2010
Fax: (506) 395-7223

Edmundston District Office

173 Victoria Street
Edmundston, NB E3V 2H7

Telephone: (506) 736-0050
Fax: (506) 736-0055

Grand Falls District Office

136A Church Street
Grand Falls, NB E3Z 2N9

Telephone: (506) 473-5897
Fax: (506) 473-6974

Eastern District Offices

Moncton District Office

246 Lutz Street
Moncton, NB E1C 5G3

Telephone: (506) 863-2650
Fax: (506) 863-2662

Richibucto District Office

85 Acadie Street
Richibucto, NB E4W 3V2

Telephone: (506) 523-4479
Fax: (506) 523-4086

Sackville District Office

8 Main Street
Sackville, NB E4L 4A3

Telephone: (506) 364-8813
Fax: (506) 364-0183

Central District Offices

Fredericton District Office
318 Maple Street
Fredericton, NB E3A 3R4

Telephone: (506) 458-8445
Fax: (506) 454-7522

Woodstock District Office
10 - 110 Richmond Street
Woodstock, NB E7M 2N9

Telephone: (506) 328-8881
Fax: (506) 328-3180

EASTER SEALS NEW BRUNSWICK (CRCD)

65 Brunswick Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 1G5

Telephone: (506) 458-8739
Fax: (506) 457-2863
E-mail: info@easterseals.nb.ca
Website: www.easterseals.nb.ca

This organization has a program to provide financial assistance and/or to recycle a wide variety of rehabilitation equipment to persons with physical disabilities.

Items include mobility aids, communication devices, personal care assistive devices for feeding and dressing, environmental controls, breathing assistance, orthotics, portable ramps, pain control devices, bathroom aids, special mattresses/pads, computers and orthopedic equipment.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF CANADA - ATLANTIC DIVISION

12 - 71 Ilsley Avenue
Dartmouth, NS B3B 1L5

Telephone: (902) 468-8230
Toll-free: (800) 268-7582
Fax: (902) 468-5328
E-mail: info.atlantic@mssociety.ca
Website: www.mssociety.ca/atlantic

The **Equipment Provision Program** assists individuals in purchasing specific equipment.

Funded equipment includes:

- Mobility and assistive devices
- Minor home modifications
- Bathroom equipment (accessibility and safety devices)
- Equipment repair
- Air conditioners

Please contact the Coordinator of Client Services if you have questions regarding types of equipment funded.

The **Special Assistance Program** has been designed to meet essential quality of life needs faced by persons with Multiple Sclerosis. Funding is provided for incontinence products and Lifeline.

The **Special Assistance Program – Transportation** assists with costs associated with attending unexpected medically necessary appointments which require long distance travel, or emergency transportation. Please note that all travel plans must be approved before travel is made in order to be eligible for funding.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CANADA

203 - 56 Avonlea Court
Fredericton, NB E3C 1N8

Telephone: (506) 450-6322
Toll-free: (888) 647-6322
Fax: (506) 458-2205
E-mail: judy.spink@muscle.ca
Website: www.muscle.ca

Muscular Dystrophy Canada provides, to people registered with them, basic medical equipment, on loan, from a stock of recycled devices such as scooters, manual and electric wheelchairs, and hospital beds. Some funding assistance may be available for the purchase of new equipment. If a request is made for a device that the Association does not cover, or only partially covers, Muscular Dystrophy Canada staff may be able to suggest other sources of funding.

NEW BRUNSWICK LUNG ASSOCIATION

65 Brunswick Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 1G5

Telephone: (506) 455-8961
Fax: (506) 462-0939
E-mail: nblung@nbnet.nb.ca
Website: www.nb.lung.ca

This organization has a program to assist through the recycling of some respiratory equipment.

SAINT JOHN DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES INC.

302 - 646 Fairville Boulevard
Saint John, NB E2M 4Y7

Telephone: (506) 633-0599
TTY: (506) 634-8037
Fax: (506) 652-3382
E-mail: sjdhhs@nb.sympatico.ca
Website: www.sjdhhs.com

This organization provides essential services to Deaf, hard of hearing and late deafened individuals. Their services include a hearing aid recycling program. They can also assist clients with TESS applications for any technical devices necessary. Sales and services of assistive devices are also available for persons who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

SOUTH-EAST DEAF & HARD OF HEARING SERVICES INC.

1690 Main Street
Moncton, NB E1E 1G9

Telephone: (506) 859-6101
TTY: (506) 384-8260
Fax: (506) 856-5060
E-mail: terpserv@nb.aibn.com
Website: www.south-eastdeaf.nb.ca

This agency is dedicated to providing programs and services for Deaf, Deafened, and hard of hearing adults in Southeastern New Brunswick. The agency also recycles hearing aids and communication aids. New Brunswickers are able to purchase special needs products through the agency as well.

STAN CASSIDY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION

800 Priestman Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 0C7

Telephone: (506) 452-5225
Fax: (506) 452-5190

This is the provincial tertiary neurological rehabilitation centre. The Centre provides professional rehabilitation services in client assessment, prescription, fabrication and/or modification of certain rehabilitation equipment related to mobility, adapted seating, communications, driving, personal care, etc.

The Centre generally relies on funding from other sources to enable the client to obtain necessary rehabilitation equipment. From time to time the Centre is also able to recycle some items donated for that purpose. Referrals on behalf of clients are also made to third parties for accessing appropriate recycled equipment.

THE WAR AMPS

National Headquarters (Ottawa)

2827 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, ON K1V 0C4

Telephone: (800) 465-2677

Fax: (613) 731-3234

E-mail: communications@waramps.ca

Website: www.waramps.ca

Adult Prosthetics Program

2827 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, ON K1V 0C4

Telephone: (877) 622-2472

Fax: (613) 731-3234

E-mail: nac@waramps.ca

CHAMP Program (Ottawa)

2827 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, ON K1V 0C4

Telephone: (800) 267-4023

Fax: (866) 235-0350

E-mail: champ@waramps.ca

CHAMP Program (Montreal)

530 – 606 Cathcart Street
Montreal, QC H3B 1K9

Telephone: (800) 265-0494

Fax: (877) 600-6212

E-mail: louis@amputesdeguerre.ca

Jumpstart Program

2827 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, ON K1V 0C4

Telephone: (800) 267-4023

Fax: (866) 235-0350

The War Amps assist, protect and bind together Canadian war, civilian and child amputees through financial assistance with artificial limbs and rehabilitation, counseling, emotional support, regional seminars and information on latest prosthetic developments.

Adult Prosthetics Program

The Adult Prosthetics Program offers assistance to amputees in Canada who register with the War Amps as adults.

The program offers financial assistance towards the purchase of artificial limbs. As a charitable organization, it is important that those needing assistance also access other funding sources available to them.

CHAMP Program

Children (up to 18 years old) missing a limb or limbs at birth, from medical causes or due to an accident may enroll in CHAMP. The program offers financial assistance for artificial limbs and related expenses and provides financial assistance for specially designed recreational limbs and adaptive devices.

Jumpstart Program

Assists “Super Champs” (multiple amputee youngsters) with computers and computer training as an educational aid now to ensure their employment opportunities in the future. Contact the CHAMP Program for more information.

WORKPLACE HEALTH, SAFETY AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION OF NEW BRUNSWICK

P. O. Box 160
Saint John, NB E2L 3X9

Telephone: (506) 738-4029
Fax: (506) 738-3470
E-mail: steevesm@whscc.nb.ca

The Workers Rehabilitation Centre’s **Assistive Devices Program** provides the following devices designed to maximize a client’s function and independence:

- Prosthesis artificial limbs designed to replace an amputated limb;
- Orthoses braces or splints designed to prevent or correct deformities, to protect painful body parts, or to improve function;
- Wheelchairs customized for the client;
- Specialized devices to assist with the activities of work (e.g. modified tools) and daily living (e.g. adaptations in the home).

The specialized program team consists of certified prosthetists and orthotists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, physicians, and prosthetic / orthotic technicians. Consulting services from psychologists and dieticians are also available as needed. Services related to this program are provided by the entire multidisciplinary team, or representatives from a single discipline, depending upon the needs of the client.

Length of Program

The services provided under this program vary in duration. Services are provided at the Workers Rehabilitation Centre from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, or off-site as needed by the client.

Referral Options

The Assistive Devices Program offers the following treatment options:

- Amputee Rehab

Admission to multidisciplinary treatment team for the rehabilitation of new amputees or amputees requiring intensive rehabilitation.

- Assistive Devices

Specify artificial limb, splinting, bracing, insoles, adapted footwear, ankle support, wheelchair, Activities of Daily Living devices.

- Assessment

Assessment by a prosthetist / orthotist, physiotherapist or occupational therapist to make recommendations regarding appropriate assistive device management.

- Off-site evaluation / treatment

Request for off-site evaluation / treatment including home evaluation, off-site prosthetic / orthotic management, wheelchair assessment, provided at the client's home or in the region.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

- Recover part of costs of premiums and payments made for rehabilitation equipment purchased by the individual or family involved through income tax deductions. Contact the Canada Revenue Agency at 1-800-959-8281.
- Blue Cross Senior's Health Program, Moncton, NB; call 1-800-565-0065.
- Local service clubs - check for listings in your local telephone book.
- Church groups
- Employer health benefits plans
- Private insurance plans
- Civil actions in cases of injuries caused by accidents, etc.
- Automobile insurance coverage in cases of automobile accidents

USEFUL LINKS – ASSISTANCE DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

- Enable link - www.enablelink.org
- Assistive Technology Links - Industry Canada - www.at-links.gc.ca/as/as001E.asp
- ABLEDATA - www.abledata.com