

ALS Society of Ontario Information Sheet ALS Equipment Program

Program Overview

The ALS Society of Ontario is dedicated to assisting individuals diagnosed with ALS to cope with the daily challenges of decreasing mobility, communication ability and retaining independence. The ALS Equipment Program provides access to *basic* and *essential* assistive equipment through:

- **Loan of equipment**
- **Purchase assistance for new equipment**
- **Funding assistance for lease of communication devices**

The ALS Society of Ontario has a designated equipment list. Only equipment on this list will be available for lease, loan or purchase/rental assistance.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this program the applicant must:

- Have been diagnosed with ALS
- Be registered with the ALS Society of Ontario
- Have accessed *all* other sources of financial assistance through private insurance
- Assistive Devices Program (ADP) and other government and non-government sources before applying for this program

Program requirements

- All equipment requests should be prescribed by a qualified health professional using the ALS Equipment Application Form provided by the Society.
- The following would be considered as a qualified health professional for this purpose:
 - *Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist/Physiotherapist or Psychiatrist* for mobility aids and equipment for daily needs
 - *Speech Language Pathologist or Occupational Therapist* for communication equipment
- Equipment requested must be considered essential for primary needs of mobility, communication or activities of daily living, taking into account long term prognosis and cost-effectiveness of the equipment prescribed.
- Individuals requesting funding for the purchase or lease of equipment must obtain prior authorization from the ALS Society of Ontario. The Society will not provide funding assistance without prior approval.

Program Limitations

Cost Sharing Funding and Income Criteria:

Income	Funding Eligibility	Funding Limit Cap	CEP PWC Cap
< \$15,000 Individual Income	Notice of assessment only	\$6,000	\$4,000
< \$30,000 Combined Household Income	Notice of assessment and Needs test of household	\$5,000	\$3,000
\$30,001-\$60,000 65% ALS 35% Client Individual or combined Household Income	Notice of assessment and Needs test of house hold.	\$4,000	\$2,000
\$60,001-\$80,000 35% ALS 65% Client Individual or combined Household Income	Notice of assessment and Needs test of house hold	\$4,000	\$1,500
> \$80,000 Individual or combined Household Income	No Funding for purchases		

* Exceptions may be considered for special family situations.

- The cost sharing funding formula is applicable to the client's share of the cost of purchase or lease, *after* ADP funding or private insurance (if any).

For an applicant's initial equipment funding request, we require a copy of the applicant's prior year's Canada Revenue Agency notice of assessment. *Please note that this information will be kept confidential as all of our client information is.*

In extenuating circumstances, the ALS Society of Ontario may be able to waive or reduce the applicant portion of the funding. A Needs Test will be required to support their request for additional funding and special family circumstances.

- When any equipment is loaned from the ALS Society of Ontario's equipment pool, the client will pay the entire delivery cost directly to the vendor who has delivered the equipment.
- The ALS Society of Ontario will not pay for any home or vehicle modifications. Funding requests from all applicants for items costing less than \$250 (Canadian) will not be considered and such equipment will not be available for loan.
- Any installation costs associated with ALS equipment or funded equipment must be paid in full by the client
- The ALS Society of Ontario will provide one stairlift on loan or assist with funding one stairlift rental per applicant
- The ALS Society of Ontario will provide funding for one set of batteries per motorized device per applicant
- The ALS Society of Ontario will cover the costs of repairs to any equipment that the Society owns, unless the repair has been necessitated by client's neglect or abuse of the equipment.
- The ALS Society of Ontario will also cover the cost of returning ALS equipment to the loan pool, when required.

Ownership of equipment

The ALS Society of Ontario retains ownership of the equipment when:

- The ALS Society of Ontario has contributed the largest portion of the client cost (remaining after contribution from ADP and insurance) toward the purchase of the equipment;
- The equipment is on loan from the ALS Society of Ontario equipment pool.

Equipment should be returned to the ALS Society of Ontario when no longer required. All equipment on lease must be returned to the leasing agency.

For further information, please contact the Client Services Coordinators at the ALS Society at 1-866-611-8545 x211 or x222

ALS Society of Ontario Designated Equipment List

Equipment Available for Loan, Rental/Lease or Purchase Assistance:

The following items may be available for loan from the ALS Equipment Pool. If an item from this list is not available and is considered *basic and essential*, the ALS Society may provide funding assistance for purchase/lease/rental cost of the requested item.

Major categories	Items covered includes but not restricted to the following¹:
<i>Bathroom Aids</i>	Shower Commodes, Bath lifts.
<i>Mobility Aids</i>	Wheelchairs (manual and power driven), Scooters
<i>Patient Lifts²</i>	Transfer systems like Mechanical/Power 'Hoyer type' lifts, Ceiling track lifts
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	Lift chairs, hospital beds, pressure relief surfaces, portable ramps, etc.
<i>Communication</i>	Most types of communication and environment control devices available on lease through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP)

Notes:

1. Items mentioned under each category are examples and funding is not necessarily restricted to just those items.
2. In general, patient elevating devices like Porch Lifts and elevators will not be funded under the program although used equipment may be available on loan. Funding is available for monthly rental of Straight Stair Glides only.
3. No funding is available for respiratory and/or feeding medical equipment.