

# Toronto People With AIDS Foundation

## Financial Assistance Guidelines

Revised April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

PWA's Financial Assistance program helps alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with living with HIV/AIDS. The program reimburses clients for uninsured medical and treatment costs, supplements government income benefits for people applying for long-term disability programs, assists with the costs of care for HIV positive children and HIV positive seniors.

For more information about the Financial Assistance Program, please contact your Case Manager.

### **Financial Assistance for Medical and Treatment Costs**

**Maximum Limit:** \$300 between April 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

A maximum of \$300 can be used between April 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> of every year. Once a client has reached their \$300 maximum they must wait until the following April 1<sup>st</sup> to begin receiving financial assistance again. Funds not used during any year cannot be carried over to the next.

#### **Eligible Costs:**

50% reimbursement will be considered within clients' \$300 limit for:

- Medical procedures and supplies
- Supplementary therapies (includes emergency veterinary costs and medicinal marijuana)
- Trillium Drug Program quarterly deductible (clients must submit quarterly receipts and have copy of recent Trillium enrollment letter on file)
- Medicinal Marijuana:
  - \$50 maximum reimbursement per month within the \$300 maximum between April 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Clients must provide a written recommendation of the use of medicinal marijuana from their doctor or naturopath practitioner.
  - PWA will only honor receipts from the government or Toronto buyers' clubs that have a service agreement with PWA.
  - Receipts must include client name, quantity, cost, member # and date.
  - Buyers' clubs are aware of our guidelines. Make sure to ask for a receipt when making a purchase.

#### **How to Apply for Medical and Treatment Financial Assistance:**

Please submit your receipts:

- Within 30 days of the date on the receipt;
- In the Financial Assistance drop-off box – be sure to include your name, phone number, case manager and date of drop-off;
- By Friday at noon for pick-up the following Wednesday after 2pm (receipts received after 12pm on Fridays will not be ready for the following Wednesday);

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## **Financial Assistance When Applying for Long-Term Disability**

**Amount:** \$150 for Individuals or \$200 for Families monthly for a maximum of 2 months or until long-term benefits begins, whichever occurs first. Clients can access this program every 5 years.

**Eligible clients must be:**

- Currently on Ontario Works, Employment Insurance or Medical Employment Insurance and
- Actively applying for a long-term disability program including Canada Pension Plan and Ontario Disability Support Program;

**Access by:**

- Meeting monthly with your Case Manager.

## **Positive Children Fund**

**Amount:** \$200 between April 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Eligible children must be:**

- HIV positive
- Registered clients of PWA;
- Under the age of 18.

**Access by:**

- Contacting your Case Manager

## **Positive Seniors Fund**

**Amount:** \$200 between April 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Eligible clients must be:**

- HIV positive
- Registered clients of PWA;
- 65 years old and older;

**Access by:**

- Contacting your Case Manager

PWA strives to provide equitable programming for all PWA clients within limited resources. To this end, all requests for Financial Assistance must fall within the stated guidelines. Emergency requests that do not meet these guidelines will not be considered. These guidelines reflect anticipated revenues and are subject to change without notice. In order to access this program, clients must provide written verification of their HIV status, live in the City of Toronto and have a postal code that starts with the letter M. Requests that cannot be granted in full will not be considered for future reimbursement.