

POFAP Funding

POFAP is funded by the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO) and the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division.

POGO has championed childhood cancer care and control since 1983. As an advisor to Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, POGO seeks to ensure that all of Ontario's children with cancer have equal access to state-of-the-art care and the best chance possible to survive and enjoy an optimal quality of life.

The Canadian Cancer Society is pleased to partner with POGO in helping to ease the burden of cancer for children and their families across Ontario. The Society has information on all types of cancer and provides many support services, including transportation to and from cancer treatment for families living with cancer. Visit www.cancer.ca or call 1-888-939-3333.



For further information

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Social Worker, Interlink Nurse or Community Liaison Nurse associated with your child's oncology program. You may also contact POFAP at the POGO office, 416-592-1232 x 236

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POFAP

Pediatric Oncology Financial Assistance Program



*POFAP can help your family
with the costs of food,
accommodation and child
care during your child's
cancer treatment*

What is POFAP?

POFAP is a funding program available to assist Ontario families with some out-of-pocket expenses for food, accommodation and child care for siblings under the age of 12, when a parent accompanies a child to hospital during active cancer treatment and care.

Who is eligible?

All Ontario families with a child being treated for malignant disease who feel that they need financial help are eligible to access this program.

POFAP supports Ontario residents who:

- have a valid OHIP number
- are diagnosed with cancer prior to their 18th birthday
- are undergoing active cancer treatment or active follow-up

This assistance is available until the child's 19th birthday.

How can POFAP help?

Food Allowance

- \$15.00/day for food when a child is admitted overnight at the hospital.
- \$7.50/day for food during an out-patient visit at the hospital.

Accommodation

- Up to \$20.00/night, if paid accommodation is necessary.

Child Care

- Assists with the cost of child care for siblings under the age of 12 while a parent takes a child to cancer treatments.
- Provides a maximum of 160 hours of care per year starting from the date of the first POFAP claim. The rates are paid in accordance with the Ontario Minimum Wage guidelines.

How do I register?

A Social Worker or Interlink Nurse at your child's treatment centre will help you complete a registration form which will be sent to POGO for processing. You will receive an information letter with your POFAP identification number, which must be included on all your POFAP claim forms.

POFAP is administered by POGO through Ontario's specialty pediatric oncology programs located at:

- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
- Children's Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre
- Kingston General Hospital
- McMaster Children's Hospital
- The Hospital for Sick Children

How do I submit a claim?

Obtain claim forms from your child's treatment centre, then complete and return claim forms to the centre on a monthly basis. **Please submit claims on time. Forms with claim dates more than two months old cannot be processed.**

What if my child is transferred to another hospital?

If your child is transferred to another hospital for cancer treatment, you may continue to make claims. These are made through your child's original treatment centre until your POFAP file is transferred to the new centre and then claims will be made at the new site.

