



## SOUTH WEST CHRONIC DISEASE SUPPORT INC

# POLICY

### APPLICATION FOR FUNDS

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Funding is available to assist residents of the Southwest by covering costs incurred when seeking health care assistance related to care of a chronic disease or a sudden acute medical episode.

The following types of expenses are eligible if not covered by Saskatchewan Health, private insurance, or any other government funding program.

#### 1. Related Medical Expenses:

Ambulance costs

Fuel/Gas – If fuel receipts are not provided mileage will be reimbursed at \$.20/km

Parking

Accommodation – If a hostel is available in the community such as the Ronald McDonald House or Cancer Patient Lodges or others, accommodation reimbursement will be provided at the same rate as the hostel. Every major hospital has nearby accommodation lists with medical rates.

Meals – If not included with hostel accommodation a per diem of \$45 per day per person will be allotted for the patient and one caregiver.

Transportation Costs – if an applicant is unable to arrange transportation to appointments per self or with family/friends they may apply to having the cost of a “driver” covered. The driver must provide an invoice to SWCDS and the funds will be paid directly to the driver to a maximum of \$150. No additional transportation costs (i.e. gas) will be paid. The applicant is responsible for finding the driver and providing the name to the Applications Committee.

Physio, massage, chiropractor – must be related to the chronic illness or acute illness episode and ordered by a physician. A maximum of \$500 per year will be covered for these treatments.

Other – other costs are considered and approval is at the discretion of the Application Committee. Costs must be specified, and receipts provided

#### 2. Medical Equipment Funding

Aides to Daily Living

Mobility Aides

Note: This funding is to assist with items NOT available through any other resources (Sask Abilities, Social Services, Telemiracle, etc.)

There are three processes to access funds:

1. Reimbursement of Funds after the treatment/appointment

In this process the applicant will complete the application form after they have travelled to receive treatment using the approved application form and submitting pertinent receipts. There is no guarantee that all or any costs will be reimbursed.

2. Advancement of Funds prior to attending the treatment/appointment

In this process the applicant will complete an application form estimating the costs that they will incur while travelling for treatment. The application committee will meet and review the application and, if approved, the funds will be advanced. Funds may be issued as gift cards. Receipts to cover the amount advanced must be provided before additional applications will be considered.

3. Emergency Funds

This process is to be used ONLY in exceptional circumstances where the need for travel to access medical care is sudden and unforeseen and the applicant does not have funds in hand to make the trip.

Individuals will be required to provide a copy of their Income Tax form showing Line 15000 – Gross Income. If the individual/family income is \$93,000 or less the applicant will qualify.

NOTE: As of October, 2019 the catchment area includes individuals who have an address in Shaunavon, Eastend, Gull Lake, **Frontier or Climax**.

***SWCDS Must have sufficient funds available to meet the request(s).***