

# At Home Program Info Sheet

## Who is eligible for the AHP?

The AHP is intended for children with severe disabilities who are dependent in multiple areas of daily living. Children and youth who are assessed as dependent in three of four areas of daily living (eating, dressing, toileting and washing) are eligible for AHP Medical Benefits.

Children and youth who are considered to be palliative by a medical professional, those with certain degenerative conditions (Duchene's Muscular Dystrophy, Spinal Atrophy Type II), and those receiving direct nursing care through Nursing Support Services are also eligible for Medical Benefits

Children and youth must be residents of British Columbia and must be enrolled with the British Columbia Medical Services Plan.

Children or parents in receipt of an insurance settlement or court award related to the child's disability are not eligible for the At Home Program.

## What services does AHP provide?

### Medical Benefits

May provide the following upon the recommendation of a relevant regulated health care professional: medically essential equipment and supplies; hearing aids; dental, optical and orthodontic services related to a disability; therapies for school-aged children; and medical transportation.

### Access to other CYSN Supports

Children and youth eligible for the AHP may be eligible for other Family Support Services which may include respite, access to a child and youth care worker; behaviour supports; parenting skills training and support groups; counselling; household management services, and life skills activities or programs for children and youth.

Families should discuss the availability of these services with their CYSN worker.

## How is an AHP application made?

The child or youth's parent or guardian completes section A of the application form. A physician must complete section B. Send the completed form to an AHP Coordinator or speak to your local MCFD office. Please note if the child applying is under the age of 3 additional supporting documentation will be requested to support their application.

At Home Coordinator contact information is available at: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/children-teens-with-support-needs/at\\_home\\_program\\_regional\\_offices.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/children-teens-with-support-needs/at_home_program_regional_offices.pdf)

## Where can I find the application form?

Application forms are available online here: Local MCFD offices and your doctor, or health professional may have copies as well.

## What's the next step after application?

The AHP Coordinator will review the application and arrange for an assessment, if appropriate. A qualified assessor will contact the family and make an appointment to meet with the child or youth and his or her family. Should additional medical information be required, the AHP Coordinator or the assessor may also contact the referring physician or other health care professionals.

## What is the Assessor's role?

The assessor will arrange to visit the child or youth, preferably in the family home. The assessor will complete an assessment of the child or youth's functional abilities in four areas of daily living: dressing, washing, toileting and eating. The assessor will send the assessment to the AHP Coordinator and will provide the parent or guardian with a copy for their records.

## Who determines eligibility?

An AHP Regional Eligibility Committee comprised of MCFD staff, medical professionals and community members will review the application and assessment and will determine eligibility based on established AHP eligibility criteria. The parent or guardian will receive a letter with the eligibility decision.

## What if a child is not eligible?

Local MCFD staff will assist in exploring other possible resources or services to support the child or youth and family. Should there be a disagreement with the decision of the Regional Eligibility Committee, information on the complaint resolution process is available at your local MCFD office and online at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/data-monitoring-quality-assurance/child-family-service-complaints>