

Medical Criteria Has Been Met

With a valid Health Card Number and a prescription from a designated physician, the Continuing Care (CC) branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Health will provide you with financial assistance for the cost of Home Oxygen.

The amount of assistance CC provides and the amount of your co-pay is determined by your annual **household income**.

If for any reason your funding is not approved by CC, you are responsible to pay the full amount of your home oxygen therapy.

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Three different service coverages:

Depending on your needs and medical status, you may have coverage for one of three service options:

- **Continuous Oxygen** – Funding includes a concentrator, a backup cylinder and 10 cylinders*/month
- **Nocturnal Oxygen** - Funding includes a concentrator and backup cylinder
- **Exertional Oxygen** - Funding includes 10 cylinders/month*

*You are responsible to pay for additional cylinder requirements

Reassessment

- If you qualify for funding, CC requires that you be reassessed at 120 days . Not being reassessed could result in a lapse in funding and an outstanding bill. Your VitalAire therapist will arrange your reassessment at approximately:
120 days: _____

Insurance

- If you do not meet CC funding criteria and still require home oxygen, your insurance company may cover a portion of the cost.
- You are responsible for contacting your insurance provider to determine coverage and are financially responsible for the co-payment and deductible as an out of pocket expense. Our clinician can assist you with this.

Private Pay

If you **do not** meet the CC funding criteria and still require home oxygen but do not have private insurance, VitalAire has various options available. Please consult with your Therapist for service package options.

Questions? Please call 1-800-361-5939 or see the reverse side of this form

How is your home oxygen therapy funded?

If you demonstrate a medical need and are eligible, the Continuing Care (CC) branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Health will provide you with financial assistance for Home Oxygen.

You must meet medical criteria, have a Nova Scotia Health card number and be referred by a designated physician to qualify for provincial funding

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For more information on the Home Care fee structure and the CC oxygen program, please go to:

<http://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/home-oxygen.asp>

VitalAire will co-ordinate all aspects of your funding if you medically qualify. However, any co-share payments are your responsibility.

If you are **not eligible** for CC funding, or if your funding is not approved, you are responsible for 100% of the costs of your home oxygen. While your insurance company may cover a portion of the cost, you are responsible for contacting your insurance provider to determine coverage and are financially responsible for the up-front costs.

Who is not covered by Continuing Care?

Continuing Care may not provide funding assistance to:

- Patients in acute or chronic care hospitals
- WCB and Group A veterans in some situations
- National Health and Welfare
- People who do not have a Health Card
- People who do not meet funding criteria