

# How is your Home Oxygen Therapy funded?



## Medical Criteria Has Been Met

With a valid Saskatchewan Health Services Number and a prescription from a physician or nurse practitioner, your home oxygen will be funded through the SAIL program (Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living ) by the Ministry of Health (MOH) for either continuous, exertional or nocturnal use.

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## Three different forms of coverage

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

- Continuous Oxygen** - 4 months of initial funding includes a concentrator, 10 portable oxygen cylinders per month\*, 1 regulator each for small and large cylinders, 1 H /2 M cylinders per quarter and a cylinder cart/bag OR wheelchair bag
- Nocturnal Oxygen** - 1 year of initial funding includes a concentrator, 1 regulator for large cylinders and 1 H cylinder/2 M cylinders per quarter
- Exertional Oxygen** - 6 months of initial funding includes 10 portable oxygen cylinders per month\*, 1 regulator for small cylinders and a cylinder cart/bag OR wheelchair bag



## Insurance

If you do not meet the SAIL medical criteria and 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.



## Private Pay

If you do not meet the SAIL criteria and require home oxygen but do not have private insurance, you may opt to pay for the service privately. Please consult with your Therapist for service package options.

Questions? Please call our local Regina branch at 306-751-8124 or see the reverse side of this form

[www.vitalaire.com](http://www.vitalaire.com)

\*additional cylinder requirements must be paid privately

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If you qualify, the Ministry of Health (MOH) provides financial assistance to eligible residents of Saskatchewan who have a medical need for oxygen therapy via the Saskatchewan Aides to Independent Living (SAIL) Program.

You must meet medical criteria and have a valid Saskatchewan Health Services Number to qualify for funding

SAIL will cover the majority of the cost of your home oxygen if you medically qualify under the SAIL criteria for either continuous, exertional or nocturnal use (for more information about this criteria, please review the SAIL manual below):

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/~media/files/health/health%20and%20healthy%20living/manage%20your%20health%20needs/support%20programs%20and%20services/sail/sail-general-policies.pdf>

VitalAire will co-ordinate all aspects of your funding if you medically qualify. One month prior to when funding ends, you will receive a letter from SAIL stating that you are due for renewal of oxygen funding. When you receive this letter, please contact your doctor to have them arrange an appointment to ensure that you funding through SAIL doesn't lapse. If your funding does lapse you will have to pay for your oxygen therapy.

If you are **not medically eligible** for SAIL funding, 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.

Before the Funding Application is submitted to MOH, please sign the Application form (verifying that the information is correct) as well as the VitalAire Consent Form and Pre-Authorized Payment Form. This will confirm that you are financially responsible for the entire charge should funding not be provided. This is an important step as MOH may not cover the total amount of the bill.

**If MOH is unable to approve funding, you will be notified directly by mail**