

Instructions to Apply for Social Assistance for CPAP

-Call the Social Assistance number for all areas (1-833-733-7835); press #6 then follow instructions to reach your area.

1. They are the LAST RESORT PROVIDER to assess probable eligibility: you must have no other health coverage or denied coverage.
2. Eligibility for Social Assistance is based on monthly income of ALL income earners living in the same residence, family or not. Including all assets (Income + Government Pensions if collecting (CPP, OAS), bank balances, value of house, car etc. is for records). Have this information ready for your call. They will ask this all on the first call.
3. Have your list of monthly expenditures.
4. Have the Total costs of requested assistance items (CPAP and accessories).
5. Appointment is then made after calculation done to see if you are in a deficit for your living expenses (i.e., all income/assets minus total of expenditures going out).

If you meet with a Needs Assessor:

1. Bring ID documents (SIN card, Medicare card).
2. Residence confirmation: Lease or Property Tax document in your house
3. Proof of income from everyone living in same residence (pay stubs, bank statements,
4. Bring a letter of denial from any private/employer health coverage that your request will not be covered.
5. Bring proof of estimate of costs for what is being requested, i.e., CPAP equipment prescription with a health care practitioner's letter stating your condition and that they have prescribed these items.

GNB Health Services Respiratory Program:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.8095.Health_Services_Respiratory_Program_.html