Applying

The application package consists of two mandatory forms: the Application Form and the Support for Relocation Form.

Where do I get the application package?
Please access the application package from the Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) website: https://www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/transplant.htm#financialassistance

Do I fill in both forms?
No. The patient completes the Application Form and the transplant hospital completes the Support for Relocation Form.

What if I have other funding sources?
TPER requires applicants to disclose all funding sources in their applications. Receiving funding from other sources does not mean a patient cannot receive TPER support.

VAD (Ventricular Assist Device) Patients
Patients who require a VAD (ventricular assist device) implant and have been requested by their transplant facility to relocate.
Please speak with your transplant hospital’s transplant coordinator or social worker for further details about eligibility.

After Applying

TGLN will follow up with the applicant if more information is needed to ensure the application package is complete.

What should I submit for reimbursements?
Please mail or email to TGLN all accommodation receipts and/or documents supporting the actual accommodation expense.

When will I receive the reimbursements?
You should receive reimbursements 3-4 weeks after TGLN receives the receipts/supporting documentation of accommodation. Applicants are required to continue submitting monthly receipts/supporting documentation of accommodation to receive reimbursements.

Applying or have questions?
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Coverage

Qualified patients may claim accommodation expenses of up to $2,500/month and up to a maximum of $30,000 for 12 total months, including up to 3 months after the surgery and discharge from the hospital. Short term stays that are 28 days or less may also be considered at the rate of $125.00/day up to a maximum of $2,500.00.

If you are required to relocate beyond the coverage period, please discuss this matter with your transplant hospital.

Is my support person covered?

If your transplant hospital requires you to have a support person (e.g. family member) during the relocation, he/she is expected to live with you and in the temporary accommodation. In this case, TPER coverage continues for your support person while you are hospitalized.

When does TPER coverage start and end?

Coverage is based on when you are required by the transplant hospital to relocate. This period may start when you are waitlisted or after you receive a transplant. Your transplant hospital will indicate this information on the Support for Relocation Form.

About Transplant Patient Expense Reimbursement Program (TPER)

Sometimes, an Ontario patient who needs a heart, heart-lung, lung, small bowel transplant or VAD (Ventricular Assist Device) implant may be required by his/her transplant hospital to temporarily move closer to the hospital before, while waiting for, and/or after a transplant.

Patients who qualify for TPER may receive up to $2,500/month for accommodation expenses.

Qualifying for TPER

Q1
Are you:
- Insured by Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) with a valid health card
- In need of a heart, heart-lung, lung, small bowel transplant or VAD (Ventricular Assist Device) implant
- Have a home address that is at least 100 km driving distance one-way from the transplant hospital (55 km for pediatric patients)

Q2
Are you required by the Ontario transplant hospital to relocate for any of these reasons?
- To be placed on the transplant wait list
- To receive post-transplant surgery discharge care
- To receive a VAD implant

If your answer “yes” to both Q1 and Q2? Then you qualify for TPER.