

British Columbia
Accessing Mobility Aids

Information about the Program

Children living in British Columbia receive funding for mobility aids through the At Home Program. The At Home Program provides funding for Respite Care as well. Families may switch between these two benefits once per year. In some cases, children may be eligible for both types of benefits.

Funding comes from the Ministry of Children and Family Development

Confirm Eligibility

To be eligible for the AHP, your child must be

- 17 years or younger
- A resident of B.C
- Enrolled with BC medical services plan
- Living at home with a parent or guardian or with an Extended Family Program caregiver.

AND one of the following

- Assessed as dependent in at least 3 of 4 of daily living activities (eating, dressing, toileting, and washing)
- Be considered to have a palliative condition
- Eligible for Nursing Support Services Direct Care; or
- Diagnosed with one of the following degenerative conditions: Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 2.

Complete Application Form

The first step is to ask your doctor to help you complete the At Home Program Application Form.

You can find the Application Form [Here \(PDF\)](#).



Mail the Application Form to your local CYSN Office

The second step is to mail or fax the application to a local Children and Youth Special Needs (CYSN) office

You can find a local office [Here \(PDF\)](#).



Organize an In-Home Assessment

When the application is received, the program will connect with you to arrange for an assessor to perform an in-home assessment of your child's abilities in four activities of daily living (eating, dressing, toileting, and washing).

The assessor may contact other health care provider about your child's needs and abilities and observe your child in a different setting.

You will receive a copy of the assessment at the end.

A committee will make a recommendation

After the assessment is completed, a regional committee will look over the application and make a recommendation



Accepted

If your child is eligible for the program, a children and youth with special needs (CYSN) social worker will connect with your family to look at your specific situation and talk to you about your needs and concerns.

Rejected

If your application has been denied, the committee will send you a letter telling you the reason for the denial and how you can follow up, including appealing the decision.

If you order or buy the mobility aid(s) before the ADP has completed their review, and your application is denied, you are responsible for the full cost



Cost

Cost. Funding for a manual backup wheelchair is provided to a maximum of \$1,500; funding for a basic rear wheel drive scooter is provided for a maximum of \$3,700.