SPECIAL SERVICES AT HOME (SSAH)

WHAT IS IT?
Assistance for families who are caring for a child with a developmental and physical disability, with a focus on meeting a child’s personal growth and development and/or family relief and support needs.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Talk to your doctor to determine eligibility,
2. Fill out application form
3. Attach a Medical Statement or Psychological Assessment to the application
4. Mail to appropriate Ministry of Children and Youth Services according to your region

FOR MORE INFORMATION
or call your local regional office

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Must have the following qualifications:
1. Valid Ontario Health Card (OHIP), or be receiving health coverage from Interim Federal Health
2. Children under 18 years of age and living at home and has a severe disability with functional loss.

The amount of money a family receives is based on:
The type and amount of service the child needs, what other help is available in the community, and what kind of support the family is already receiving

WHAT DOES IT COVER?
SSAH assists with the following expenses:
1. Mainstream and specialized camp/recreation programs
2. Gym membership fees for the child
3. Membership fees for special needs associations
4. Special Services/Support worker to provide respite and/or personal development
5. 1:1 support worker at camp or recreational program
6. Training for a family member or worker
7. Routine homemaking tasks – light housecleaning, meal preparation, laundry grass cutting, and snow removal

IMPORTANT THOUGHTS
• Funding is received through invoicing. Instructions are given when you receive your funding package.
• SSAH does not cover basic care, child care fees, education, assistive devices, specialized equipment, dental services, home modifications, professional services, treatment, services already available in the community, services outside Ontario and 4-6 months to be processed.

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