

Expanding Physiotherapy to More Communities

Ontario Government Issues Call for Applications for New Clinics in Underserved Areas

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Ontario is expanding access to publicly funded, clinic-based physiotherapy services to more communities across the province.

Access to publicly funded physiotherapy across Ontario is currently unevenly distributed, leaving seniors and other patients in many communities without access to clinic-based services. To increase services offered in these areas, the government has issued a Call for Applications to physiotherapy providers. This will expand access to clinic-based physiotherapy for 90,000 more people in underserved parts of Ontario, benefitting 150,000 people in total.

New clinic-based physiotherapy services are part of the [government's commitment to expand access to physiotherapy](#), and exercise and falls prevention classes across the province beginning this August.

Ensuring more people across the province have access to physiotherapy services close to home supports the new Ontario government's commitment to provide the right care, at the right time, and in the right place and is part of the [Action Plan for Health Care](#).

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"It's not right that seniors and other patients in some parts of Ontario don't have access to publicly-funded physiotherapy. That's why we're going to fund clinics in a number of smaller towns and cities that are currently underserved. This is part of our plan to help over 200,000 more seniors stay healthy, active and independent by expanding access to physiotherapy, exercise and falls prevention classes."

— Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

QUICK FACTS

- One-on-one physiotherapy helps seniors and other patients recover better from illness, surgery or injury.
- Locations where clinic-based services are currently provided will have the opportunity to continue to deliver those services.
- The ministry will accept completed electronic applications until July 7, 2013.
- Eligibility for publicly funded clinic-based physiotherapy services is not changing. With a physician or nurse practitioner referral, seniors, children up to 19 years old, and recipients of Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program will continue to be eligible for clinic-based physiotherapy.

LEARN MORE

Find out [how to apply to deliver publicly funded clinic-based physiotherapy services](#).

Read more about how the government is helping seniors to stay [healthy, active and independent](#).

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