

Eligibility Criteria for Brain Injury Services with March of Dimes Canada



Brain Injury Services (BI), at March of Dimes Canada (MODC), has a defined intake and waiting list management process for admission to its programs consistent with the regulations of the applicable funder in each province. This process requires management teams to adhere to sector-wide and ministry eligibility criteria as mentioned below:

#1 Community Groups

Applicant must:

1. Be 16 years of age or older.
2. Have Provincial health coverage and a valid health card.
3. Have a diagnosis of a brain injury; and be willing to provide all relevant brain injury diagnostic consultations/reports, upon request.
4. Be medically stable and not diagnosed with a degenerative or declining disease
5. Be willing to receive supports and collaborate with MODC when participation may be limited due to social, physical, and emotional concerns.
6. Not be in receipt of, or expecting to be in receipt of, insurance funds for provision of these services.
7. Be able to tolerate group setting.
8. Bring own support person, when support is required for physical care tasks.
9. Have access to applicable technology when attending activity virtually.
10. Be willing/able to actively participate in group activities.

#2 Outreach Services

The applicant must meet #'s 1 to 6 of the group eligibility criteria detailed in the previous section as well as:

1. Be willing to participate in the development of an Individual Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) based on the applicant's cognitive ability to make informed choices independently or within a supported decision-making process.
2. Demonstrate an ongoing willingness to participate in achieving their goals and in continuing rehabilitation services.
3. Subject to # 4 below, have a service location that has/will have the physical features necessary for MODC to deliver its services without a significant risk of serious physical harm to staff.
4. In the event that there is a significant risk of serious physical harm to the staff providing services: Must be willing to collaborate with MODC to help identify reasonable steps that can be taken in reducing the risk to a level that is no longer significant.

#3 Supportive Housing / Assisted Living

The applicant must meet all the above-mentioned criteria in Section #2, AND

1. Be unable to have their needs met effectively in the community on a scheduled and unscheduled basis (i.e., through MODC outreach or other existing community resources); and requires availability of/access to 24/7 staffing.
2. Have support needs, including existing medical condition(s) that can be adequately met by MODC onsite staff within available hours in conjunction with local community health services.
3. Be able to be safely left unattended as program is a shared service model in a community setting.
4. Complete necessary requirements and eligibility related to established housing provider.

#4 Congregate Care

The applicant must meet all the above-mentioned criteria in Section #3, AND

1. Have complex support needs, documented by a Regulated Health Provider, that necessitate the availability of more scheduled/ on-call hours than typically available within a SHP on a 24/7 basis.
2. Based on outcomes of applicable assessment, requires the type of care and services offered in the congregate setting to which the individual has applied.
3. Have the ability to safely reside in a shared living environment in a manner that does not pose a significant safety risk to themselves and/or other tenants.
4. Have an approved substitute decision-maker that is activated, as warranted [i.e., power of attorney for personal care or legal guardian] when unable to safely and consistently make informed decisions.

Contact us



If you have reviewed the above criteria and meet the eligibility requirements, kindly apply through our [website](#)
If you have questions or require further assistance, please email independence@marchofdimes.ca (OR)

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