

# Caring Breaths Financial Assistance Program www.caringbreaths.ca





### Who may qualify for the Caring Breaths Program?

• Applicants (patients and their primary caregivers) to this program can submit expenses associated with lung transplantation, living with a lung disease, and radon mitigation.

### To be eligible:

- Individuals must be Saskatchewan residents
- Expenses must be incurred within the past 12 months
- Applicants may receive up to \$500 per calendar year, except for patients and their caregivers
  who are awaiting or who have received a lung transplant may receive up to \$1000 per calendar
  year

### What expenses may be reimbursed?

- Cost of bills to maintain Saskatchewan primary home residence while in Edmonton for a lung transplant.
- Travel and accommodations for medical care/appointments not previously covered. \*Eligible
  potential expenses include travel and accommodations for medical appointments within a 50
  km distance. (Travel and accommodations greater than 50 km apply to the Telemiracle Kinsmen
  Foundation)
- Cost of a private company to maintain care for Saskatchewan primary home residence if individuals are unable to do so due to their lung disease
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation home-based equipment
- Prescribed medical equipment not previously covered
- Costs associated with end of life and end of life care due to their lung disease
- Prescribed medical equipment rental costs. Please note: Funding should first be requested from SAIL or SaskAbilities
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation enrollment fees
- Costs associated with radon mitigation for their primary residence

# What information is needed apply to Caring Breaths?

- 1. **Application**: Fill out the online application.
- 2. **Copy of receipts**: Upload the receipts of expenses being requesting for reimbursement.
- 3. A referral from any health care provider. See referral form attached. (You do not need this form filled out if applying for radon mitigation). Upload the referral form when filling out the application online, or it can be emailed directly to <a href="mailto:caringbreaths@lungsask.ca">caringbreaths@lungsask.ca</a>

#### OR

**Radon mitigation / reduction recipients.** Mitigation work must be completed by a certified Canadian-National Radon Proficiency Program (C-NRPP) radon reduction expert. Reimbursement will only be considered for an applicant's primary residence.

The program is not a guaranteed refund or a rebate program. Our reimbursement program is assessed on a case by base basis. If an application meets the program's criteria for potential funding, the amount an applicant is reimbursed is provided based on need and funds available. Caring Breaths is designed to be complementary to other established financial assistance programs in the province of Saskatchewan.



# **Health Care Provider Referral Form**

Name/Professional Title:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Date:	
Please accept my letter of support for	
The applicant is requesting financial support from the program because:	
(Include information about the applicant's lung health related diagnosis and why service/program/equipment/etc.)	they require this
Signature of Health Care Provider	

Provide the completed referral form to the applicant to include with their online application or email it to caringbreaths@lungsask.ca

Before the application will be reviewed, Lung Saskatchewan must receive each of the following items:

- 1. Application Form
- 2. Health Care Provider Referral Form (Current Form)
- 3. Receipts- Upload the receipts of expenses being requesting for reimbursement.

Download the application, the health care provider referral form, and find out more at caringbreaths.ca