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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2024

TO: All Ontario Home Oxygen Therapy Vendors

FROM: David Schachow
Director, Delivery and Eligibility Review Branch

RE: Home Oxygen Therapy Contract Renewals

As communicated in the memo dated August 4, 2023, the current registration period for vendors of Home Oxygen Therapy (“Vendors”), under the Assistive Devices Program (the “ADP”), will expire at 11:59pm on March 31, 2024. New registrations are required prior to April 1, 2024 to ensure a smooth transition. This memo provides information on the updated remuneration rates for Vendors, renewing Vendor registrations and transitioning from the current registration period.

Remuneration Rates

Beginning **April 1st, 2024**, the ADP is changing its remuneration structure as well as implementing a staged increase to its remuneration rates for Vendors. These changes aim to provide fair compensation for Vendors, and to maintain a high quality of service for Ontarians who receive Home Oxygen Therapy from them.

Specific changes include:

- a new one-time set up fee for new clients; and
- replacing the monthly rates with daily rates for all categories of Home Oxygen Therapy (including long term therapy for resting hypoxemia, long term therapy for exertional hypoxemia, long term therapy for children, palliative therapy, and short-term oxygen therapy).

From April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2026, the daily remuneration rates will increase by 1.5% from the current rates, as set out in the table below:

April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2026		
	Northern Rate	Southern Rate
Set-up Fee	\$200	\$150
Daily Rate	\$11.93	\$11.22

Starting April 1, 2026, the daily remuneration rates will increase by an additional 1.5% as set out in the table below.:

April 1, 2026 and Beyond		
	Northern Rate	Southern Rate
Set-up Fee	\$200	\$150
Daily Rate	\$12.11	\$11.39

The ADP approved price for cylinders remains unchanged.

Vendor Registration

Vendors who are currently registered and wish to continue their registrations with the ADP can expect a revised Schedule B to the vendor agreement by February 12, 2024, for the registration period beginning on April 1, 2024. Vendors that choose not to continue their registration are expected to inform the ADP in writing and ensure that their clients are transitioned to a new Vendor prior to April 1, 2024.

Vendors who are not currently registered but wish to become an ADP-registered home oxygen vendor effective April 1, 2024 can contact the Program at adp@ontario.ca on or after February 12, 2024.

Transition

For information about transition requirements and updated policies, please see the *Home Oxygen Therapy Policy and Administration Manual* and the transition guide attached. These items, along with the new application form, will also be publicly available on the ADP website at [Assistive Devices Program for health care professionals | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/assistive-devices-program) on March 18, 2024.

For any additional questions, please send them directly to adpvendors@ontario.ca. Thank you for your continuing support to Ontario residents who require access to Home Oxygen Therapy through the ADP.

David Schachow
 Director, Delivery and Eligibility Review Branch