# Verification of Disability

Funded by the Ontario Government Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, March of Dimes Canada's Home and Vehicle Modification Program provides funding for basic home and / or vehicle modifications. By reducing or eliminating physical barriers which create life safety risks, modifications, adaptations, and devices enable children and adults with mobility restrictions to continue living in their homes, avoid job loss, and participate in their communities.

The HVMP provides funding for **basic and essential solutions** directly addressing physical barriers within a home explicitly related to an applicant's disability and current mobility restrictions. Any items prescribed and or quoted not directly related to accessibility and removal of barriers will not be funded by the program and will be the applicant's responsibility.

| **Applicant Information:**<br>*This is the person applying for funding for modifications adaptations and device* | |
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| Date of Birth: | |
| First Name: | |
| Preferred Name (if different): | |
| Last Name: | |

| **All Request Types:** |
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| 1. What is the client's disability? |
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2. What primary mobility device is the client using in the home?

3. What internal and external supports (people or services) are available to the client?

4. How does their disability impact their ability to independently complete activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, toileting, transferring, mobility and/or transportation?

5. What is your recommendation of devices, adaptations, or modifications to remove this barrier in the home and/or vehicle?

## Construction Projects:

Construction Projects Include:

- Modular Ramps
- Vertical Platform Lifts
- Stairlifts
- Ceiling Track Lifts
- Kitchen adaptations – i.e., rearrangement and lowering or raising of kitchen equipment and cupboards

- Bathroom adaptations – i.e., zero-threshold shower, door widening, waterproof shower panels, grab bars, handheld shower on a slide bar, anti-slip flooring, wheelchair accessible sink, accessible toilet
    - Note: *When a bathroom modification is required, but the bathroom structure cannot accommodate a zero-threshold shower, the Program would only consider funding transferable equipment (e.g. a portable roll-in shower) as recommended by an Occupational Therapist.*

Please note that equipment is often the most basic and essential solution to removing barriers. Construction projects will only be considered as a **last resort** and must be recommended by an Occupational Therapist (OT). In order for a construction project to be reviewed for eligibility, an OT must detail basic and essential equipment that has been trialed and explain why it was not suitable.

6. For construction projects please provide a detailed list of equipment that has been trialed and why it was not suitable:

7. If you are recommending bathroom modifications (construction) on the second floor, please describe the mechanics on how the client will manage the stairs safely and independently to access the bathroom located on another level. Please also describe the plan to address the level-to-level change within the home and the long-term plan for the client when they can no longer manage the stairs.

**Healthcare Professional's Information**
*To contact you about your recommendations for modifications, adaptations and devices*

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| Ontario Health Regulator Category | |
| Name of Practice | |
| First Name: | |
| Last Name: | |
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