

British Columbia Funding Guide

At Ora Medical, we understand how crucial a gait trainer is for mobility and development. Since getting the right funding is key to access quality equipment, we've put together this guide to assist you every step of the way.

Option 1 (preferred) – The At Home Program (AHP)

The At Home Program is designed to support children and youth with severe disabilities and complex healthcare needs. The program provides a range of “medically necessary” equipment, such as our Levity device, for eligible children. Here are the usual steps to get funding from AHP:

1. Determine Eligibility *Find detailed eligibility criteria [here](#).*

- To access AHP Medical Benefits, complete and submit an [application form](#) with the assistance of a physician or a nurse practitioner.
- An assessment of the child's abilities may be required.

2. Submit a Request for Mobility and Adaptive Equipment

The request is usually submitted to the AHP by the user's occupational therapist or physiotherapist. They usually include the following documents:

- A Medical Equipment Request and Justification Form.
 - You can see a form sample [here](#).
- A Justification Letter for Medical Equipment.
 - The AHP has available [detailed guidelines](#) to help in writing this letter.
 - We've also created a [letter template](#) to save you some time. Please download and customize it to suit your needs.
- A quote from an approved At Home Program dealer.
 - You can get a quote for your Levity from a medical equipment service provider

AHP Contact information

Email: MCF.MedicalBenefitsProgram@gov.bc.ca

Toll-Free: 1-888-613-3232

Victoria Office: 250-387-9649

Fax: 250-356-2159

Mailing Address: PO Box 9763 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC V8W 9S5

3. Receive the Funding Decision

The AHP Medical Benefits team will review the application and submit the decision once the process is completed. While reviewing, the AHP may also request additional information. We've prepared a few documents that could be useful in that situation:

- **[Why the Levity?](#)** Is a comprehensive document detailing the benefits of our Levity device.
- **[Insurance Application Support](#)** Is a document that includes a letter from our CEO explaining the device registration with federal entities, a comparative analysis with other gait trainers, clinical evidence highlighting the benefits of Levity and a Levity flyer.

Option 2 – Alternative Funding

Numerous foundations and private insurance across North America offer financial assistance to families. Below are key foundations along with the steps to apply for their support:

- Contact your insurance provider to inquire about their policies regarding coverage for pediatric walkers.
- Variety – the Children's Charity of BC
 - Grants available for adaptive & mobility equipment: You can apply [here](#).
- BC Rehab Foundation
 - Grants available for a range of equipment, including walkers such as the Levity
 - Find grant details and application link [here](#).
- CKNW (5,000\$ for equipment)
 - You need to mail (not email) the application to Cathy Hunt – Director of Grants at CKNW Kids' Fund 7850 Enterprise Street Burnaby BC V5A 1V7
- Joey's Friends Too (~5,000\$): You can apply [here](#).
- Aubrey Rose (2,500 – 5,000\$): You can apply [here](#).
- Love For Lewiston (5,000\$): For kids diagnosed with SMA, you can apply [here](#).

Other foundations are also active in BC and may assist with funding, including:

- Jordan's Principle:
 - Provides funding for First Nations children with disabilities and complex medical needs.
 - Contact the Jordan's Principle Call Centre at 1-855-JP-CHILD (1-855-572-4453).