



# Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Social Health Support Program Policy

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## 1.0 Objectives

1.1 To administer a last resort benefit through a structured social support health program that provides essential assistance to Kahnawa'kehró:non experiencing verified financial hardship for unmet health-related needs.

## 2.0 Definitions

2.1 **Kahnawa'kehró:non:** An individual who meets any of the following criteria:

- Is formally listed on the **Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry**, or
- Holds official authorization as an **Approved Kahnawà:ke Resident**, or
- Has applied and obtained residency approval in accordance with the **Kahnawà:ke Residency Law**, or
- Is a minor child whose parent or legal guardian satisfies one or more of the above requirements.

## 3.0 Application

3.1 This policy applies to Kahnawa'kehró:non residing in Kahnawà:ke who have been denied assistance through insurance or available local, federal, or provincial programs.

## 4.0 Policy

### 4.1 Implementation of Fund

The program will be implemented upon establishment of the Social Health Support Program.

#### **4.2 Eligibility**

A **Kahnawa'kehró:non** who has been denied access to medical or health-related funding through local programs, insurance, or federal or provincial sources may apply for financial assistance under the health benefit program.

#### **4.3 Documentation**

Documented proof of denial of health-related benefits is required to support the application. Additionally, letters of support confirming the need for funding must be provided by the relevant medical, dental, or health professional involved in the case.

#### **4.4 Benefits**

Last Resort Medical, Dental, or Health-Related Support Requests are limited to a maximum amount as determined annually, subject to the availability of funding and approval through the annual budget process. All applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Social Health Support Program Board.

Any funding requests exceeding the maximum allowable benefit require submission to the Client-Based Services Committee, accompanied by recommendations from the Social Health Support Program Board.

#### **4.5 Eligible Social Health Program Benefits Funded**

The total budget allocated for the Social Health Support Program is determined annually and is subject to the availability of funding and approval through the annual budget process. The designated budget will support approved applications under the Social Health Support Program through the following mechanisms:

##### **4.5.1 Medical:**

- Medical Supplies and Equipment
- Medication
- Medical Transportation
- Medical Procedures

##### **4.5.2 Health:**

- Mental Health
- Traditional health services
- Vision Care
- Medication

##### **4.5.3 Dental:**

- Diagnostic
- Preventative

#### **4.6 Applying to the Social Health Program**

Individuals may submit applications by completing the designated form, available directly through the Client-Based Services Unit.

#### **4.7 Documentation**

Supporting documentation from the relevant medical, health, or dental service provider confirming the need for assistance is required. In addition, applicants must provide official documentation verifying the denial of health-related benefits from local programs, insurance providers, and federal or provincial funding sources.

#### **4.8 Application Period**

The Social Health Support Program application period will remain open for the duration of available funding. Should the annual budget be exhausted, applications may be carried forward for consideration in the following fiscal year, contingent upon the approval of program funding.

#### **4.9 Terms and Conditions of Payment**

Payments to service providers will be administered in accordance with the established procedures of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke.

#### **4.10 Program Integrity and Enforcement**

Applicants who are eligible to access local, insurance, federal, or provincial programs that cover the full cost of the procedure are not eligible for assistance under this program, partial coverage of procedures will be eligible for assistance. Any suspected fraud, misuse, or abuse of the Social Support Program will be subject to investigation and corrective action by the Client-Based Services Committee (CBSC) and its Financial Sub-Committee (FSC).

### **5.0 References**

- 5.1 MCK MCED #37/2024-2025 approving the Project in Principle with delegation to the CBSC to establish and maintain the Policies and appeals
- 5.2 FAO Committee decision approving the Social Health Support Program Policy
- 5.3 FAO decision approving the Social Health Support Program Board Terms of Reference (TOR)