

REPORT TO CPS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL INTERNAL ROUTING CHECKLIST

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1.	Originating Division Director or Delegate - - Report is acceptable	Ken Hughes, Revenue Division Dr. D. Salisbury, OPH	September 28, 2007 September 28, 2007
2.	Financial Services Unit Manager, Financial Planning or Delegate (if applicable) – Report Recommended to Deputy City Manager	Brian Flynn McCuan	September 28, 2007
3.	Supply (if applicable) – Report Recommended to Deputy City Manager		
4.	Other		
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MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE



To / Destinataire	Mayor and City Councillors	File/N° de fichier
From / Expéditeur	Medical Officer of Health / Médecin chef en santé publique Manager of Revenue / gestionnaire, recettes	
Subject / Objet	HOME DIALYSIS GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE IPD PROGRAMME DE SUBVENTION POUR DIALYSE À DOMICILE	Date: 26 Septembre 2007 / le 26 septembre 2007

At the Health, Recreation and Social Services Committee meeting of Thursday, 7 September 2006 the following motion was passed:

That the Health, Recreation and Social Services Committee recommend to Council that the City of Ottawa in cooperation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health develop an annual rebate program for home dialysis patients to offset the increased costs associated with home dialysis to be considered as part of the 2007 budget.

BACKGROUND

In 2004, the Ottawa Hospital Nephrology Unit set up a Home Hemodialysis Program for patients who require dialysis as part of their treatment. Dialysis at home increases the amount of time an individual would spend with their families, thereby increasing their quality of life. Councillor Holmes has been working with the staff of the Ottawa Hospital Home Dialysis Unit, patients of the program, and City staff including the Medical Officer of Health, staff of Financial Services (Revenue Division) and Public Works and Services (Customer Services and Operations Support).

The hemodialysis equipment uses water while operating ~~while and~~ treating the patient. If the dialysis treatment was taken at the hospital, the Ottawa Hospital would cover the cost of the water used. Home hemodialysis patients are responsible for the cost of the water used in their treatment. Depending on the equipment used and the frequency and length of treatment, the cost of water could be as high as \$500 per year.

The Medical Officer of Health, staff of Financial Services (Revenue Division), Public Works and Services (Customer Services and Operations Support) and Legal Services designed a Grant Program for Home Dialysis patients.

HOME DIALYSIS GRANT PROGRAM

Pursuant to Council's approval of a Home Dialysis Program at its September 27, 2006 meeting, staff have developed a program to assist homeowners with the incremental costs of water associated with the home dialysis equipment. The water account customer for each qualified patient will have to apply for the grant by completing the City's prescribed form. The water account customer for each qualified patient on home dialysis machine will be eligible for a grant (\$250 / \$375 / \$500 per year) for water consumption based on the patient's treatment program and equipment in use. This grant will be credited to their water account, bi-monthly during the treatment period.

Annually, the patient will submit an application to the Water-Billing Unit of the Revenue Division. They will also provide a copy of a letter from the hospital confirming the patient is on an in-home dialysis treatment program with details on the start of the treatments, frequency, level and length of each treatment and the equipment used. The patient will be advised if he/she qualifies and when and how the credit will be applied to the account.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This program will be offered to approximately 60 patients over the next few years. The grant of \$10,000 is based on the estimated number of households participating in The Ottawa Hospital Home Dialysis Program. At the present time there are about 24 patients on Home Dialysis at The Ottawa Hospital. On April 11, 2007, Council approved Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 5-A, Item 15, as amended by Motion No. 11/10, that this amount be financed from the Water and Sewer Reserve Fund for 2007. The 2008 budget will identify a budget pressure to fund the annual grant contemplated by Motion 11/10. Initially, the program activity in the Revenue Division will be done with existing resources.

SUMMARY AND DISPOSITION

The recommended program is to provide a Home Dialysis Grant to those home dialysis patients in our community. It is intended to offset the additional costs of water used in the treatments. The forms will be available at the clinic for new patients once the enabling by-laws are in place, as of DATE / MONTH. City staff will mail the application form to all patients currently on the program (~~approximate date WHEN~~). A PDF version will also be available on Ottawa.ca in the near future.

Revenue Division will liaise with Legal Services staff to prepare enabling by-laws before the end of this year. A communications plan will be developed with the staff of Corporate Communications.

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