

*Financial Resources
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MARYLAND THERAPEUTIC RIDING HIPPO THERAPY PROGRAM INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

The more information and knowledge you have about the insurance claim process, the easier it will be to seek reimbursement for services.

1. Call your or your child's primary care physician and get the ICD-9 code for your or your child's diagnosis. Insurance companies work from ICD-9 codes, not from diagnostic words. It will be necessary to "speak their language". You may already have this information on forms or paperwork from the physician's office.

Ex. Spastic cerebral palsy is 343.9
Quadriplegic cerebral palsy is 343.2
Developmental delay in walking & talking is 783.42
2. Get CPT codes (treatment codes) from the therapist at MTR. These are the procedures (or exercises) that will be performed during the hippotherapy sessions.
3. Call your insurance company and find out about therapy benefits and coverage. Here are some questions to ask the representative:
 - a. Is there a minimum/maximum number of visits?
 - b. Is pre-authorization required?
 - c. Give the representative the CPT codes and ask if these procedures will be covered with your child's particular ICD-9 code (by doing this you are giving the representative the same information that will be on the claim form you submit and you will know ahead of time if it will truly be covered).
 - d. What percentage will they reimburse you? Does the reimbursement rate differ for in-network providers as opposed to out-of-network providers?
 - e. Ask if there are any exclusions to the therapy benefits.
4. Remember that this is still therapy, and services are provided by Maryland licensed therapists. Hippotherapy is one of many treatment strategies that will be utilized during the treatment sessions. Unless the insurance company specifically excludes hippotherapy under their therapy plan, you should be able to receive some degree of reimbursement.

FUNDING RESOURCES FOR MTR

The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA):

* <http://www.ddamaryland.org/>

1-877-4MD-DHMH

410-902-4500 (Central MD Regional ofc. which covers: AA County, Baltimore County and City, Harford and Howard Counties)

*check website for other regions/counties

Anne Arundel County Service Coordination

(Provide case management, resource/funding location and advocacy services. Must be obtained through DDA)

8334 Veterans Hwy. Suite 1

Millersville, MD

(410) 923-5751

(410) 987- 3674

- ***Bradley Funds-** Obtained through Service Coordination only (DDA eligibility required). For children up to age 18.
- **The Civitans (AA County)-** Ron Samms (410) 865-1554
- ***DDA Camp funds** – must be DDA eligible
- **The Elks Club-** (410) 224-2945; <http://www.mddedcelks.org/>
- **Jill Fox Fund** (can only be contacted by a therapist, case mgr., social worker, etc.). Application online. “**Last resort**” funding source. (410) 727-4828 ext. 322; <http://www.jillfoxfund.org>
- **The League for People With Disabilities-**(410) 323-0500 <http://www.leagueforpeople.org>
- **The Lions Club will assist with funding for families in their catchment area.** South County (Churchton, Deale, Shadyside area). Contact Joe Gomoljak (410) 867-7622 –this is his home # -he knows I’m giving it to you. ***Their website lists all of the LIONS CLUBS in MD** <http://www.lionsclubs.org/>
- ***Purchase of Services (POS)-** Must have a Service Coordinator, which is obtained through a DDA application & eligibility determination.
- **The ARC of Anne Arundel County** – Annapolis office: (410) 268-8085 or (410) 269-1883 and Glen Burnie office: (443) 557-0189

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- **Rolling Access** – contact these providers directly for information and to set up an interview to determine eligibility; DDA enrollment not required for these Rolling Access providers.
 - **Alliance**- Vendetta Pearson (410) 882-5900 ext. 3061; Towanda Jones, ext. 3009
 - **Arc of AA County**- Kathleen Flahive (410) 269-0091
 - **Arc of Baltimore**- Marre Fanning (410) 296-2273 ext 5149; Diana Morgan ext. 5146
 - **Bello Machre**- Janis Palko or George Wolf (410) 255-3805
 - **Creative Options** - Tim Reihl (410) 780-4095 ext. 101
 - **UCP**- Sheila Lynard (410) 574-7696 ext. 22 (Essex)
 - **Kennedy Krieger Institute**- Judy Atkinson (410) 298-7000
 - **Jewish Family Services** – David Noy (410) 466-9200 ext. 185
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- **United Cerebral Palsy, Del Ray School**- Dorothy Thompson (410) 744-3151 (funding for children)



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Rider's Name _____ Birth Date _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____
 Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
 Occupation _____ Work Phone _____
 Spouse's Occupation _____ Work Phone _____
 Responsible Party _____ Contact Phone _____

FEE SCHEDULE

MTR, Inc. is a non-profit organization. Rider fees are necessary to help defray the expenses of equine assisted therapy and cover only a small portion of the actual cost. A scholarship fund is available for riders who could not otherwise participate. **Scholarship funds are limited and there are many requests for assistance. We ask that you make every effort to contribute your share of the rider fee so there will be enough scholarship funds for all who need them.**

Family's Annual Gross Income _____ # of Family Members _____
 Are there other family members with special needs? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain briefly:

 Does your medical insurance cover hippotherapy services? Yes _____ No _____
 Are you eligible to receive any local, state or federal funds to assist with therapy or rehabilitation?
 Yes _____ No _____ If yes, through what program? _____
 What amount is available to you? _____

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

| <u>Adjusted Gross Income</u> | <u>Scholarship Available(select amount applying for)</u> |
|------------------------------|--|
| \$0-29,999 | _____ 75% |
| \$30,000-39,999 | _____ 50% |
| \$40,000-50,000 | _____ 25% |

Applications for scholarships must include the first page of the most recent IRS income tax return. (Mitigating factors which could also impact eligibility are: more than 4 members in a family, more than one family member with special needs, single parent household, or unusual medical needs. You may supply a letter of explanation which the board will take into consideration.)

Scholarship funds are provided for therapeutic riders only. Riders must have a diagnosis and a physician's referral to be eligible.