

SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR STROKE VICTIMS

**Ministry of Social
Services & Social Welfare**

Institutions involved in the Provision of services for Stroke victims

1. National Council for Persons with Disabilities
2. National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities
3. Dept.of Social Services
4. Sri Lanka Social Security Board
5. Provincial Social Service Departments
6. Divisional Secretariats

Services

1) Provision of Housing Grants

- Construction of a new house-Rs.100,000/- is granted
- Improvements for an existing house – following amounts are granted :
Roof Rs.30,000/- Floor Rs.10,000/- Walls Rs.20,000/- Doors & windows Rs.16,000/-
Kitchen Rs.15,000/-

Eligibility

- The applicant should own a piece of land – a certified copy of the Deed has to be submitted
- Monthly income should be below Rs.6000/-
- Age limit should be 18-70
- An Estimate has to be submitted
- All the above documents and a Completed application along with the recommendation of Divisional Secretary has to be submitted
- An application could be obtained from the Divisional Secretariat.

2. Accessibility facilities for Houses

- Regulations on Accessibility were gazetted in October 2006
- Year 2007 was declared as the **Year of Accessibility** by Cabinet of Ministers
- Individuals will be provided financial support
 - For access road with the ramp
Rs.8,000/-
 - Toilet Rs.15,000/-

3. Self-employment Assistance

Eligibility

- The applicant's monthly income should be below Rs.6000/-
- An Estimate for the self employment should be submitted
- The completed application and estimate have to be sent along with the Divisional Secretary's recommendation
- Maximum amount is Rs.10,000/-

4. Medical Assistance

i. Medical assistance is provided for surgeries

Documents required:

- A letter of request for financial assistance
- A letter of recommendation by Divisional Secretary
- Medical certificates
- Cost for treatment/surgery
- Maximum amount payable is Rs.20,000/-

ii. To purchase medicine and traveling expenses

- Maximum amount to be paid is Rs.10,000/-
- A Prescription of medicine to be purchased has to be submitted (certified by the medical officer)
- An Estimate for the medicine from Osusala has to be submitted

5. Assistive Devices

Following assistive devices are provided for the needy persons :

- Wheel chairs
- Tricycles
- Crutches
- Spectacles
- Eye lenses

- A recommendation letter from Divisional Secretary has to be submitted
- Prescriptions for spectacles and eye lenses have to be submitted

6. Payment of Rs.3,000/- under Mahinda Chintana Programme

Eligibility

- Families with low income level (below Rs.6000/- monthly)
- Number of disabled persons in the family is considered for the selection of recipients
- Priority is given if the breadwinner is disabled
- If the person is severely disabled, priority is given

7. Vocational training - Eligibility

- The applicant's age should be between 18-35
- 32 vocational training programmes are conducted
- 19 Vocational Training centers are in operation
- Free accommodation and food provided
- Graduated trainees are provided with Tool kits worth of Rs.10,000/-

8. Counseling Services

- 100 Counseling officers are attached to Divisional Secretariats
- Individual and family counseling are provided

9. Community Based Rehabilitation Programme (CBR)

- Number of Districts covered - 23
- Number of Divisions covered - 242
- Number of GS Divisions covered-6847
- Volunteers have been trained to rehabilitate persons with disabilities within the community

10. Social Security Board

Established in 1996 under the Social Security Board Act

Functions

- Provision of social security for those who are working in the informal sector
- After 60 years of age, a pension will be paid
- Special Programme called “Samaka Diriya” has been introduced for disabled self-employed persons
- This is a contributory pension scheme

11. Monthly Public Assistance

- Payments will be made by Provincial Social Service Departments
Monthly Rs.100/- to 300/-
- In municipality areas Colombo, Galle, Kandy by the Municipal Councils
- Disease allowances – Leprosy, TB, Cancer, Thalassemia
Monthly allowance is Rs.750/-