

#GetAMPedForMusicTherapy

Make Noise for Music Therapy - A National Advocacy Campaign

Purpose

Music therapists across Canada are coming together to call on **provincial governments** to formally recognize Certified Music Therapists (MTAs) as health professionals and request that they be added to the Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) **Authorized Medical Practitioners (AMP)** list in each province.

This recognition would allow clients and families to claim music therapy services as a medical expense on their taxes, increasing access and equity in healthcare.

What is the AMP List?

The CRA's AMP list determines which health professionals are eligible for the **Medical Expense Tax Credit**. Inclusion is **province-specific**.

Right now, **Certified Music Therapists (MTAs)** are **not** listed in most provinces. This means many clients who rely on music therapy **cannot receive the same tax relief** they get for other recognized services like physiotherapy, psychology, or occupational therapy.

Why It Matters

Music therapy is an **evidence-based, credentialed profession** that supports Canadians of all ages with physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs. Certified Music Therapists (MTAs) complete specialized training and meet national standards set by the **Canadian Association of Music Therapists (CAMT)**.

Adding MTAs to the AMP list means:

- Improved access to therapy for families and individuals
- Reduced financial burden for those with medical and mental health needs
- Equal recognition alongside other health professionals
- Support for healthcare equity, innovation, and patient-centred care

Our Call to Action

We're launching **#GetAMPedForMusicTherapy**, a national social media and advocacy campaign to:

- **Educate** the public and policymakers about the AMP list and music therapy
- **Share real stories** from clients, caregivers, and music therapists
- **Mobilize collective action** through letters, emails, phone calls, and social media
- **Tag and call on provincial Health Ministers** to formally recognize MTAs and work with CAMT and provincial associations to add music therapists to the CRA's AMP list

We want every province and territory to hear a clear, united message:

Music therapy is healthcare, and families deserve fair access.

How You Can Help

- **Follow & share** the campaign using **#GetAMPedForMusicTherapy**
- **Tag your Health Minister** and ask them to recognize Certified Music Therapists (MTAs) and support their inclusion on the AMP list
- **Send a letter or email** to your provincial Health Minister (we'll provide templates you can use)
- **Amplify voices** - share your experience with music therapy and why it matters to you, your family, or your community

Together, we can make music therapy more accessible, more recognized, and more supported across Canada.

Let's make some noise. Let's get AMPed.