

Did you know that starting January 2018, free pharmacare will be offered to all Ontarians below 25 years of age?

OHIP+

This flyer prepared by the [Canadian Federation of Students](#) and [Canadian Benefits](#) to provide details of this new pharmacare program to members.

Over 4,400 drug products will be free for anyone age 24 years or younger. You don't need to enroll – all you need is a health card number and an eligible prescription.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus>

OHIP+ will completely cover the cost of more than 4,400 drug products that are currently available through the Ontario Drug Benefit program, including:

- ▶ birth control pills
- ▶ anti-depressants
- ▶ antibiotics to treat infections
- ▶ inhalers for asthma
- ▶ various insulins, oral diabetic medications and diabetes test strips
- ▶ epinephrine auto-injectors (e.g. EPIPENS®)
- ▶ drugs to treat arthritis, epilepsy and other chronic conditions
- ▶ medications to treat mental health conditions (e.g. antidepressants)
- ▶ attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) drugs
- ▶ drugs to treat some childhood cancers and other rare conditions

What students need to do:

Students with OHIP and eligible for OHIP+: Visit your doctor's office and ensure your renewal prescriptions are covered under the new pharmacare program. To find which drugs are covered visit <http://www.ontario.ca/page/check-medication-coverage/>.

Provide your student union plan administrator with proof of international student/out of province health care.

Forward proof of international or out of province health care to update your file



OHIP cardholders

OHIP cardholders attending school in Ontario under age 25 will have their drugs automatically covered in the same way that Ontario Seniors do. Pharmacists will ask for your OHIP card and process the claim directly through the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program.

Approximately 1/3 of drugs taken by students will be covered by the ODB program.

Some ODB Drugs are covered on an exception basis only. Your provider will advise you if your medication could be covered by OHIP through the Exceptional Access Program. Your provider will continue to cover your medication while you apply to the Program, so that you have no gaps in coverage.

See this website to apply for an exception:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/applying-exceptional-access-program#section-0>

International and out of province students

As a student in Ontario, if you are an international student or if you are covered by another province's health insurance plan, your insurance provider will continue to pay for your Drug claims. If your provider does not know, however, if you are an international or out of province student, your Drug claims will not be able to be processed through the ODB, and your provider may decline your claim, assuming you are covered by OHIP.

If you are not covered by OHIP, you need to ensure that your provider knows this prior to January 1 in order to avoid having your Drug claim declined.

Students going to college/university in another province

If you're going to college or university in another province, your prescriptions may still be covered by OHIP+ if you:

- ▶ remain insured by OHIP
- ▶ have a valid prescription
- ▶ get your medications from a pharmacy in Ontario

You may be able to get a larger "travel supply" of your medication before leaving Ontario.

If you are a member of the CFS plans provided by **Green Shield Canada** visit student.greenshield.ca

You can also contact Canadian Benefits at Service@canben.com

Email proof of international or out of province health care and Canadian Benefits will update your status online to ensure that your drug claims will continue to be covered.

If your status is not changed, the system will assume that you are covered by OHIP, and your drug claims will be denied.

What your Health Plan Administrators need to do:

Administrators need to gather the data on international and out of province students, and provide this information to their provider.

