Free prescription drug coverage for children and youth under age 25

OHIP+ set to launch January 1 – make sure you’re ready!

If you have a dependent under age 25 – or are a Sun Life Financial plan member under age 25 – a big change is coming to your prescription drug coverage as of January 1, 2018. Here’s what you need to know about OHIP+:

• **Free prescription drugs for those under age 25.** As of January 1, 2018, OHIP will cover 100% of the cost of most common prescription drugs for those under age 25. Coverage ends on the individual’s 25th birthday.

• **Coverage is automatic.** Those under age 25 just need to show their health card or health card number when getting a prescription at an Ontario pharmacy. More than 4,400 drugs are covered at no cost.

• **Access to the Exceptional Access Program (EAP).** Some medications may require your doctor to apply to the government to be considered for coverage under OHIP+. These medications are only covered by OHIP for patients who meet pre-defined medical criteria. You will need to take action to obtain coverage, but Sun Life will be there to provide support. We will review your claims and identify members or dependents under age 25 taking an EAP-eligible drug. We will then reach out to you directly to provide more details about the EAP program, the application process and the timeline. Until then, your Sun Life coverage will remain unchanged.

• **Your Sun Life group benefits plan coverage continues.** We’ll continue to cover eligible individuals under age 25, for all other drugs listed under your plan that aren’t covered by OHIP+, along with the other health coverages that your plan provides.

Make sure you’re ready for OHIP+. Consult our plan member [OHIP+ checklist](#) provided with this letter.
Three big benefits of OHIP+

1. It’s universal – all Ontarians under age 25 who have OHIP coverage are covered by OHIP+, regardless of income, family or student status.

2. It’s automatic – individuals under age 25 just have to show their health card when submitting a prescription at an Ontario pharmacy.

3. It covers 100% of drug costs – for drugs covered by OHIP+, there are no deductible or co-payment requirements, unless you decide to take a brand drug when a generic one at a lower cost is available.

What drugs are covered

OHIP+ provides coverage for over 4,400 medications and other drug products. These include the most commonly prescribed medications. Here are some examples of what OHIP+ covers:

- Antibiotics to treat infections
- Inhalers for asthma
- Various medications for diabetes including diabetes test strips
- Drugs to treat epilepsy
- Drugs for reproductive health, such as birth control pills
- Antidepressants and other medications to treat mental health conditions
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) drugs
- Drugs to treat some childhood cancers and other rare conditions.

Questions?

For OHIP+ questions, please contact Service Ontario:
Telephone: 416-314-5518
Toll-free: 1-866-532-3161
TTY/Teletypewriter (for the hearing impaired): 1-800-387-5559
https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus

For questions about your Sun Life benefits plan, please call Sun Life’s Client Care Centre at 1-800-361-6212, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m to 8 p.m ET.

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