

HEALTH SERVICES

What's Covered by OHIP?

OHIP covers a wide range of health services. A brief description of insured services follows below. For more details, please contact your nearest ministry office.

Services in Ontario

What services does my Ontario health coverage cover?

The ministry covers a wide range of health services; however, it does not pay for services that are not medically necessary, such as cosmetic surgery.

Physicians:

The ministry covers all insured medically necessary services provided by physicians. Physicians may bill you for uninsured services or if you miss an appointment or your health card is not valid. You may contact the ministry if you have questions about charges for uninsured services.

Other Health Care Providers:

Services provided by podiatrists are partially covered under OHIP. The ministry pays part while you must pay for the extra costs. You may need to pay the full or partial cost of services provided by other health care providers, such as physiotherapists. You may contact the ministry if you have questions about services provided by other health care providers.

Dental Services in Hospital:

The ministry pays for some dental surgery, when it is done in hospital. You must pay the cost of regular dental services in a dentist's office.

Eye Care:

An eye examination is covered by OHIP once a year for persons under 20 and those 65 and over. OHIP also covers an eye exam once every 12 months for persons aged 20 - 64 who have specific medical conditions requiring regular eye examinations. For more information, refer to the fact sheet *Changes to OHIP Coverage for Eye Care Services*.

Northern Health Travel Grant

You may be eligible for a Northern Health Travel Grant to help pay transportation costs if you live in northern Ontario and must travel long distances for specialty medical care. For more information on the Northern Health Travel Grant program, call 1 800 461-4006 (for service in English) or 1 800 461-1149 (for service in French).

For more information:

- Call the ministry INFOLine at 1 800 268-1154 (toll free in Ontario only).

In Toronto, call 416 314-5518.
For TTY service, call 1 800 387-5559.
- Access the ministry website at:

www.health.gov.on.ca

Services in Other Canadian Provinces and Territories

Most of your Ontario health coverage benefits can be used across Canada. The province or territory you are visiting will usually bill Ontario directly. If you have to pay for health services you receive in another part of Canada, you can submit your receipts to your local ministry office to be considered for reimbursement.

Prescription drugs from pharmacies, home care services, ambulance services and long-term care services provided in other provinces and territories are **not** covered.

Services Outside Canada

For people travelling outside Canada, the ministry pays a set rate for emergency health services. Emergency health services are those given in connection with an acute, unexpected condition, illness, disease or injury that arises outside Canada and requires immediate treatment. Ambulance services are **not** covered.

Ontario residents are encouraged to purchase supplementary insurance when traveling outside Canada as many emergency health services provided outside the country cost much more than OHIP may pay.