

# OHIP Eligibility

This fact sheet provides basic information only. It must not take the place of medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Always talk to a healthcare professional about any health concerns you have, and before you make any changes to your diet, lifestyle or treatment.

## Am I eligible for Ontario health insurance?

You must have Ontario health insurance to use Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care funded health care services. You are eligible for the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) if :

- You are included under one of the following categories :
  - you are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or landed immigrant, convention refugee, or are registered as an Indian under the *Indian Act*
  - you have submitted an Application for Permanent Residence or an Application for Landing and have been confirmed by Citizenship and Immigration Canada as having satisfied the medical requirements for landing
  - you are a foreign worker who holds a valid work permit or employment authorization which names a Canadian employer situated in Ontario and your prospective occupation, and is valid for at least six months
  - you are a foreign clergy member who will be providing services to a religious congregation in Ontario for at least six months
  - you hold a Temporary Resident Permit or Minister's Permit with case type 80 (for adoption only), 86, 87, 88 or 89
- you are the spouse, same sex partner, or dependent child (under 19 years of age) of a foreign clergy member or eligible foreign worker who is to be employed in Ontario for a period of at least three consecutive years
- you hold a work permit or employment authorization under the Live-In Caregivers in Canada Program or the Foreign Domestic Movement
- you have been issued a work permit or employment authorization under the Caribbean Commonwealth and Mexican Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program administered by the federal department of Citizenship and Immigration
- **and** you make your permanent and principal home in Ontario
- **and** you are in Ontario for at least 153 days of the first 183 days immediately following the date you establish residency in Ontario (you cannot be absent for more than 30 days during the first 6 months of residency)
- **and** you are in Ontario for at least 153 days in any 12-month period

**Tourists, transients or visitors are not eligible for OHIP coverage.**

Your eligibility for Ontario health coverage is not determined by whether you have a job or are unemployed, or where you pay your income tax. It is based solely on your meeting one of the above citizenship or immigration categories and on you making your permanent and principal home in Ontario.

Everyone, including babies and children, must have their own health cards. Always carry your health card with you. You should be ready to show it every time you need medical services.

Ministry staff can help you determine whether or not you are eligible for Ontario health coverage.

**For more details about OHIP eligibility :**

- refer to Regulation 552 of Ontario's Health Insurance Act (can be purchased from Publications Ontario or viewed on [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca))
- or visit your local OHIP office

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For information about health services and resources :

[www.health.gov.on.ca](http://www.health.gov.on.ca)

For consumer-friendly health tips and information :

[www.HealthyOntario.com](http://www.HealthyOntario.com)

INFOline: 1-877-234-4343;

TTY: 1-800-387-5559

Telehealth Ontario:

1-866-797-0000; TTY 1-866-797-0007

INFOline is open during business hours and can provide general information on healthcare.

Telehealth Ontario is a 24/7 service which uses nurse practitioners to answer your immediate health concerns.