

Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program is Ontario's publicly-funded drug program. The ODB program covers:

- approximately 3,200 prescription drug products listed on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary
- a number of limited-use prescription drug products
- most blood glucose test strips
- some nutritional products

Drug products must be prescribed by an authorized Ontario prescriber and purchased in a pharmacy or through a doctor authorized to sell prescription drug products.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible for ODB coverage if you are an Ontario resident with a valid health card AND you belong to any one of the following categories:

- senior 65 yrs+
- receiving social assistance (ODSP/OW)
- Trillium Drug Program client
- receiving Home Care services
- resident of a long-term care facility or Homes for Special Care

Note: You cannot apply to ODB directly. Coverage begins automatically when you turn 65, or when deemed eligible for social assistance, or when enrolled in Trillium Drug Program, etc

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If a drug product is not covered under ODB, you may be able to apply for coverage through the Ministry's "Exceptional Access Program" (EAP). Ask your doctor for more information.

Depending on income, some seniors may be required to pay a \$100 deductible and \$6.11 dispensing fee. All other individuals covered through ODB, including Trillium Drug program clients, may be asked to pay up to \$2 each time they fill a prescription

Note: ODB does not cover syringes, pen needles, lancets, etc. Coverage for these items may be available through other programs (see program listings in this chart for more information)

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Contact specific programs directly to verify program information.*