

Notice from the Executive Officer: *Ontario Drug Benefit Act* Proposed Regulatory Amendments to Align Maximum Days' Supply of Prescriptions Dispensed for Ontario Works Recipients 25 years of Age and Older.

January 16, 2018

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with information regarding proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 201/96 (made under the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act*) that would, if approved, come into force on **April 1, 2018**.

The proposed amendments would remove the 35-days' supply limit currently in place for Ontario Works (OW) recipients 25 years of age and older, and make other consequential changes.

OW recipients 24 years of age and under are able to receive 100-days' supply of medication under the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program in most cases, as part of the implementation of OHIP+, effective January 1, 2018. All other ODB program recipients (e.g. those who have OHIP coverage and who are 65 years of age and older, long-term care home residents, Ontario Disability Support Program recipients, etc.) can receive up to 100-days' supply for their prescriptions in most cases. The proposed amendments would ensure that, in most cases, persons who are eligible for the ODB program could receive up to a 100 day supply of medication, regardless of eligibility stream.

A summary of the proposed amendments to the regulation is available on the Regulatory Registry website at:

<http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=26346&language=en>

The content of the final regulations are at the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council ("LGIC") who may make the regulations with any changes that the LGIC considers appropriate.

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Interested parties are invited to provide written comments on the proposed changes to the regulations as part of the review. The ministry will consider comments received on or before **February 14, 2018 at midnight EST** (“comment period”). Please be advised that submissions received after the comment period may not be considered.

Please submit your written comments to:

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Statement about Comments

Unless requested and otherwise agreed to by the ministry, all materials or comments received from organizations in response to the notice will be considered public information and may be used and disclosed by the ministry as part of its review. The ministry may disclose materials or comments, or summaries of them, to other interested parties during and after the comment period.

An individual who makes a submission and who indicates an affiliation with an organization in his or her submission will be considered to have made his or her submission on behalf of the affiliated organization. The ministry will not disclose any personal information contained in a submission of an individual who does not specify an organizational affiliation in his or her submission without the individual’s consent unless required by law. However, the ministry may use and disclose the content of the individual’s submission to assist the ministry in its review.

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