

OPDP At A Glance: Fiscal Year 2019/20 Snapshot Report

Many Ontarians rely on Ontario's public drug programs to pay most of the cost of their prescription drugs. The aim is to:

1. Meet the needs of Ontarians by providing better access to today's best clinically proven drug treatments.
2. Achieve transparency, value-for-money and best use of resources for operation and for funding decisions for the best clinically proven drug treatments.

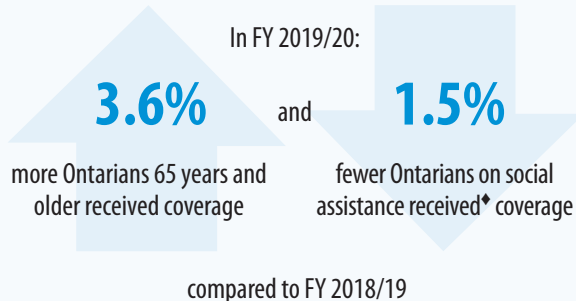
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The Numbers

Who is covered?*



More than
4 million Ontarians
(1 in 4) received coverage for one or more prescription drugs



How much does it cost?*



\$5.6 billion in drug costs
+
\$1.7 billion in markup,
dispensing and compounding fees
-
\$0.7 billion paid by recipients

The Ontario government funded more than
\$6.6 billion towards prescription drugs for Ontarians



Overall, the Ontario government paid **91%** of the prescription costs for eligible Ontarians, recipients paid **9%**.

What is covered?



More than
4,400 drug products listed on Formulary, and
over **1,000** additional drug products available on a case-by-case basis through the program's EAP

2.5 million
pharmacist professional service claims processed for Ontarians

What do we do?



185 million claims processed
(1.5 million more claims than FY 2018/19)

105,980
total responses to EAP applications
(9.2% more than FY 2018/19)

141,551
households enrolled in Trillium Drug Program
(1.6% less than BY 2018/19)

NOTES: *Numbers only reflect the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program and excludes other programs funded by OPDP (e.g., Special Drugs Program).

†Excludes cost for Pharmacist Professional Services. Expenditures based on the publicly available list prices and may not reflect actual prices paid by the ministry under Product Listing Agreements (PLAs) with manufacturers. Costs paid by recipients include co-payments and deductibles.

*Only includes recipients of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program who are eligible for drug benefits under ODB.

Source: Health Network System (HNS)

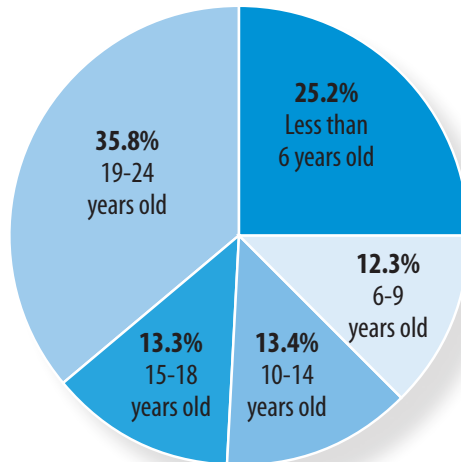
Topical Spotlights

Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Coverage for Children and Youth (OHIP+)

The OHIP+ eligibility stream of the Ontario Drug Benefit Program (ODB) was created on January 1, 2018. Starting April 1, 2019, the government focused benefits on children and youth who do not have a private plan. Children and youth 24 years of age and under who are OHIP-insured, but who do not have a private plan, continued to receive ODB Program coverage for eligible prescription medications. This approach recognizes the important contribution of private insurers and employers in the provision of health benefits to Ontarians. The data presented below is for the 2019/20 fiscal year.

Proportion Utilizing By Age Group

More than **940,000** Ontario children and youth received coverage for one or more prescription drugs



Other Key Accomplishments

- Created the **Check Medication Coverage** tool to help patients easily check for drug coverage by ODB to determine whether their medication is covered.
- SADIE** has enabled electronic submission of EAP requests, reducing application errors by 75% and EAP decision times by an average of 50%.

Top Utilized Products Through OHIP+

- Antibiotics
- Anti-asthmatics
- Topical steroids
- Oral contraceptives
- Pain relievers
- Anti-inflammatories
- Antifungals
- Antidepressants
- Acne treatments
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder treatments

Costs of OHIP+

The Ontario government funded more than **\$300 M** towards prescription drugs for OHIP+ recipients in FY 2019/20



Annual average drug cost per recipient by Recipient Prescription Cost Category*

\$140	\$7,400	\$44,970
Low prescription cost recipients - 99.2%	Medium prescription cost recipients - 0.6%	High prescription cost recipients - 0.2%

NOTE: *Total annual prescription paid, grouped by- Low: <\$5,000; Medium: \$5,000-\$20,000; High: ≥\$20,000

GLOSSARY

Benefit Year (BY): For data related to the Trillium Drug Program (TDP) the benefit year for TDP is from August 1 to July 31 of the following year. TDP deductibles are determined based on recipients' household income.

Compounding Fee: The total value/ amount allowed as a compounding charge. Compounding is the practice of creating a preparation of a drug to meet the needs of an individual patient when a commercially available drug does not meet those needs.

Dispensing Fee: Fees pharmacists receive for filling your prescription(s). This fee covers services such as: talking about your treatment with you, maintaining and checking your medication records etc.

EAP: Component of the ODB program that provides access to drug products not listed on the Formulary through case-by-case review of individual request applications.

Formulary: The 'list' of drugs that are eligible for drug coverage under a drug plan

FY: Fiscal Year. Based on April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

Markup: The total value/amount added to the price of a drug product to cover acquisition cost for pharmacies. Effective October 1, 2015 the maximum markup is 8% for claims <\$1000; 6% for claims ≥ \$1000.

ODB: Ontario Drug Benefit

SADIE: Special Authorization Digital Information Exchange; SADIE is the portal for submitting Exceptional Access Program (EAP) drug requests for Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) recipients.

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