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Update on Ontario's OHIP+ Pharmacare Program for children and youth under 25

Effective January 1, 2018, Ontario is introducing a new program - the OHIP+ Children and Youth Pharmacare Program which will provide free universal drug coverage for eligible Ontario residents, 24 years of age and under. There will be no upfront costs and no requirement to apply for the program, as coverage is automatic. Qualifying individuals need only present their OHIP card to their pharmacist when a prescription is submitted.

While the program won't provide reimbursement for all drugs, it will cover those listed on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary, approximately 4400 DINs, plus drugs eligible for additional funding under the Exceptional Access Program (EAP).

For Exceptional Access Program (EAP) products, children and youth must qualify for the drug. Physicians have been notified to begin submitting EAP requests for their patients to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Exceptional Access Program prior to the Jan 1, 2018 start date. The complete list of EAP drugs is pending. RWAM will provide a grace period of six months to allow sufficient time for receipt of the completed EAP listing and for the EAP application step, to ensure there are no gaps in care for children and youth already on an EAP drug through their private plan.

An information website for the public has been made available for the new program:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus>

RWAM will be incorporating this change into 2018 renewals for insured groups in Ontario or those with Ontario plan members.

Please feel free to contact your group marketing representative if you have any questions.