

The Trillium Drug Program



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What is the Trillium Drug Program?

The Trillium Drug Program is a program that helps people who have high drug costs when compared to their income. The program is available through the Ministry of Health. Trillium may help you pay for some prescription drugs that are covered under the program. Check with your pharmacist for information on the specific drugs covered.

How does the Trillium Drug Program work?

To enroll in Trillium, you must fill out an application. When submitting an application, it is important to choose a “start date”. Choose this date carefully because you cannot change your “start date”. You can choose a date just before the date of the first prescription that you want Trillium to cover.

Before Trillium begins to help with the cost of your prescription drugs, you are expected to pay an amount toward the cost of your prescription drugs. This amount is called the deductible. The deductible is the amount of money you and your family household must pay over the year for your prescription drugs. Trillium then covers the rest. Your deductible amount is based on your income and family household size.

How do I pay the deductible?

Each year, the Trillium Drug Program begins on August 1st and ends July 31st of the following year. To make it easier for you to pay the deductible, Trillium divides the amount into quarterly (four) payments: *August to October; November to January; February to April; and May to July.*

If you enter part way through the program year, your deductible is based on the number of months that you are in the Trillium Drug Program. Each time you buy prescription drugs, the amount you pay goes towards your deductible. Once you have reached your deductible for the quarter (three months) you then pay only \$2 for each prescription that is covered until the next quarter (the next three months) starts.

Example: A family has a yearly deductible of \$500. This family will pay \$125 for prescriptions bought at the start of each quarter. After the

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deductible is paid in each quarter, the family will get benefits for that quarter. Any unpaid deductible amount will be added to the next quarter's deductible amount.

Who can apply to the Trillium Drug Program?

You can apply to the Trillium Drug Program if:

- you have a valid Ontario Health Insurance card (OHIP)
- you don't qualify for drug coverage under any other Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program
- you don't have private health insurance or your private insurance does not cover 100% of your prescription drug costs
- you have filed your income tax

How do I apply?

Applications are available from the Ministry of Health by:

- Calling 416-642-3038 or toll free at 1-800-575-5386
- Going online at: www.health.gov.on.ca/English/public/forms/form-menu/odb_fm.html

Contact your social worker if you need help filling out your application.

At Princess Margaret Hospital, call 416-946-4525. At Mount Sinai Hospital, call 416-586-4800 x 5201.

Once your application is approved, the Ministry of Health sends a letter confirming that your family is registered in the Trillium Drug Program. Your family is entered in the Health Network System, a computer system that links the Ministry to all pharmacies in Ontario. When your family is registered, your pharmacist will help you keep track of how much you spend on prescription drugs.