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## Trillium Drug Program Pamphlet Outline

*The information contained in this booklet serves as a source of general information on the Trillium Drug Program. Please consult a social worker or your physician for more information.*

### Learning Objectives

Information for patients and families

Read this booklet for more information about:

- What the Trillium Drug Program is
- How you benefit from the program
- How to apply to the program
- Application Process

### What is the Trillium Drug Program?

The Trillium Drug Program provides assistance with prescription medication coverage for eligible individuals.

### Apply If:

- You are an Ontario Resident
- You are between the ages of 25 and 64, or are 24 years of age and under, and have a private plan
- Your household spends 4% or more of your net income on prescription medications
- Have a valid Ontario Health Card Number
- You do not have insurance
- Your insurance does not fully cover your prescription medication costs
- You do not qualify for the Ontario Drug Benefit

If you are 65 years of age or older, you can apply to the **Seniors Ontario Drug Benefit**.

For more information, contact the Seniors Co-Payment Program by phone at 416-503-4586 or 1-888-405-0405 (toll-free), or by email at [seniors@ontariodrugbenefit.ca](mailto:seniors@ontariodrugbenefit.ca).

## What Will I Receive?

The Trillium Program uses your annual household income to determine how much you pay before the program begins to cover the cost of your medications. This is called the deductible.

Eligible applicants will receive a letter detailing the amount of their annual deductible after they apply. To make payment easier, the yearly deductible is divided into quarterly deductibles: August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1.

The amount you pay for your prescriptions each month goes toward the deductible for the quarter.

The deductible, typically 4% of your annual income, is the amount you pay before the program begins to cover the cost of your medications. Once you've reached your quarterly deductible, the program covers the costs of your medication, and you pay \$2 for each prescription afterwards.

**For example, if** your household's annual income after tax was \$40,000, your deductible could be \$1,600. This amount would be divided by four, resulting in a \$400 deductible per quarter. In this circumstance, anything you paid between August 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> toward my prescription medication would go toward your deductible. Any prescription medication costs incurred between August 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> that exceed the \$400 deductible would be covered by Trillium, and you would pay \$2 for each prescription.

If you do not reach your deductible limit in a quarter, the remaining balance is transferred to your next quarterly deductible.

**Note:** If you have private insurance, you will have to use your private insurance first and pay any remaining balance out of pocket. Afterward, you can submit your receipt to the program for reimbursement.

## Where Do I Apply?

To apply for the program, visit the [forms.ontariodrugbenefit.ca](http://forms.ontariodrugbenefit.ca) website, fill out the application, and submit it to the Trillium Drug Program for processing. This is the recommended application method.

For those unable to apply online, you can reach the Trillium Drug Program between Monday and Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, to have an application form mailed to you:

**416-624-3038** if you are in the Toronto Area  
**1-800-575-5386** if you are outside of Toronto

If you are submitting a paper application, you will need to mail your original copy of the application to:

Trillium Drug Program  
Ministry of Health  
PO Box 337, Station D  
Etobicoke ON M9A 4X3

## The Application Process

1. Fill out and complete the application (Paper or Online).
2. All household members listed on the application will be required to sign the declaration and consent sections.
3. Add any relevant documents to your application. This may include a private insurance letter, an income information letter, a notice of assessment, and other relevant documents.
4. Submit your application online or by mail.

## Choosing Your Enrollment Start Date

The Enrollment Date selected by you is the date your Trillium Drug Program coverage will begin. Based on the provided date, your deductible is calculated based on the number of days remaining in the deductible year.

Choosing an enrollment date based on your first eligible prescription could save you money.

For example, by amending your program start date from the start of the program year, August 1, to when your first eligible prescription is filled, let's say November 1, your deductible for the first quarter will not be added to the deductible for the second quarter, which begins on November 1.

You can leave your enrollment start day blank in the initial application. This will put your application on hold until you can contact the program to confirm the enrollment start date.

Once the enrolment start date is selected, it cannot be amended.

## Who Can I Ask Further Questions To?

If you have more questions about drug coverage you can talk to the following health professionals:

**TWH Medication Reimbursement Specialist**

Shoppers Drug Mart, Main Atrium

Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Phone: 416 603 5800 ext. 6240

Fax: 416 603 6485

Email: [TWH-MRS@uhn.ca](mailto:TWH-MRS@uhn.ca)

**Social Worker** at Toronto Western Hospital

Epilepsy Clinic

Location: Toronto Western Hospital, West Wing — 2nd Floor

Phone: (416) 603-5800 ext. 3191

**Sources used:**

[https://www.uhn.ca/PatientsFamilies/Health\\_Information/Health\\_Topics/Pages/brochure.aspx?itemid=694](https://www.uhn.ca/PatientsFamilies/Health_Information/Health_Topics/Pages/brochure.aspx?itemid=694)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs#section-3>