

# How to Prepare for the Cost of Your Medicine



## Information for patients starting cancer treatment

Read this guide to learn about:

- your options for covering the costs of medicine
- where you can go for help

Using this guide will help prevent delays in your treatment.

Princess Margaret Medication Reimbursement Office



## What are my options?

There are many ways to cover the cost of medicine. Coverage may not be the same for every patient.

Here are some ways your medicines may be covered:

- private insurance (for example, companies like Manulife, Greenshield or Sun Life)
- provincial insurance
- other coverage

## What is private insurance?

You may already have private insurance through:

- your employer (through work)
- your school (if you are a student at a university or college)
- your parent or guardian (if you are a dependent child)
- your spouse or partner
- a plan you buy yourself



Don't forget to show your Pharmacist your **insurance policy card**. This is important information that the pharmacy needs to fill your prescriptions.

## **What is provincial coverage?**

These are some provincial programs that may offer drug coverage:

- Senior Ontario Drug Benefit
- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Trillium Drug Program
- Homecare (LHIN Home and Community Care)

## **What is Seniors Ontario Drug Benefit?**

Seniors who are 65 years old and over automatically receive Ontario Drug Benefit coverage. Coverage begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month after your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **What is other coverage?**

Other coverage could include:

- Non-Insured Health Benefits (Indian Affairs)
- Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)

## **What if I don't have coverage?**

Call the Medication Reimbursement Office to make an appointment to meet with a Medication Reimbursement Specialist.

## **What are Medication Reimbursement Specialists?**

Medication Reimbursement Specialists are drug coverage experts. They can help you understand the options you may have to cover the costs of your medicine.

## How can a Medication Reimbursement Specialist help me?

They will help you:

- understand your drug coverage options
- find out if you are able to get more coverage
- answer any questions you have about drug coverage

The Medication Reimbursement Specialists work together with the Princess Margaret Outpatient Pharmacy team to make sure you can get your outpatient medicines.

## Who can I contact with my questions?

### Medication Reimbursement Specialists

Phone: 416 946 2830

Fax: 416 946 6515

Email: [pmh-mrs@uhn.ca](mailto:pmh-mrs@uhn.ca)

### Hours (by appointment):

Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

## Where to find us:

The Medication Reimbursement Specialists are located at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre on the **10th Floor, Room 127**.

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