

# Trillium Drug Program

The Trillium Drug Program (TDP) provides benefits for prescription drugs when drug costs exceed a certain amount of a household's income. TDP is one of several programs in the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) and covers a specific group of Ontario residents. TDB is not meant to replace private insurance plans or other ODB programs.

## HOW TO APPLY *(more details on page 2)*

Obtain an application package from your local pharmacy

**OR**

Call the **INFOline** at **Service Ontario**

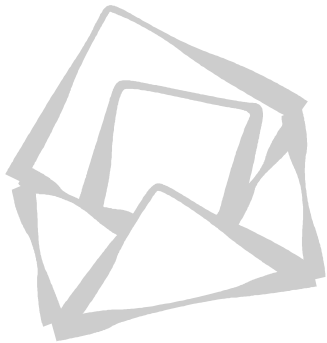
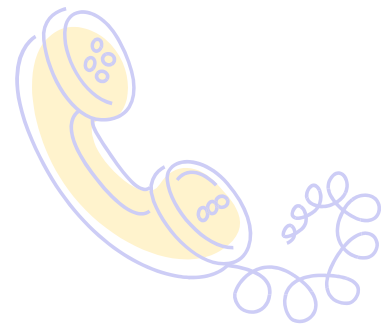
 **1-800-268-1154**

 **1-800-387-5559 (TTD/TTY)**

**OR**

Via mail to:

**Trillium Drug Program  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
P.O.Box 337, Station "D"  
Etobicoke ON  
M9A 4X3**



## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

You should apply to TDP if:

- 🌀 You spend a large part of your income on prescription drugs
- 🌀 You do not have a private insurance plan, or you have a private insurance plan but it does not cover all the costs of your prescription drugs
- 🌀 You have a valid Ontario Health Card and live in Ontario
  - to apply for an Ontario Health Card, contact your nearest Service Ontario Centre (in the blue pages of your telephone book), call 📞 **1-800-268-1154** 📞 **1-800-387-5559 (TTY/TDD)**

## HOW TO APPLY

- 🌀 Obtain an application form from the Ministry and complete it
- 🌀 All members of the household unit must apply, even if they don't require drug benefits
- 🌀 Members of the household unit, 16 years or older must provide two signatures: **(1)** to confirm that all information is true and complete; and **(2)** to authorize the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency to give the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care information from your Income Tax Return, in order to verify the net income you reported on your TDP application:
- 🌀 Necessary documentation you must provide includes
  - financial documentation
    - all household members 16 years or older must provide proof of income
    - if you can't provide your Income Tax Notice of Assessment, TDP will accept a signed copy of your Income Tax Return, T4 slips, or a letter from your employer
  - prescription drug receipts

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATES

- 🌀 The TDP year ends **July 31st**
- 🌀 For any given TDP year:
  - your application must be received or postmarked by **September 30th**
  - your receipts & insurance statements must be received or postmarked by **October 31st**

## ENROLLMENT START DATE

- 🌀 As a new applicant, you can choose the date on which you are enrolled in the TDP
- 🌀 If you choose a start date after the TDP start date of August 1st, your household's deductible will be reduced relative to the number of days remaining in the program year

***Example: If you choose a start date halfway through the program year, you will pay only half of the deductible***

- 🌀 Once you enroll in the TDP, you cannot change your start date



## THE DEDUCTIBLE

- 🌀 The deductible is the amount your household must spend on prescription drugs before you are eligible to receive Ontario Drug Benefits
- 🌀 It is based on your household's total net income and the number of household members, and it is about 4% of household net income:
  - to find out your deductible, look in the table [A Guide to Your Application](#) from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
  - if your household's net income is greater than \$100,000, there is a formula for your deductible in [A Guide to Your Application](#)
- 🌀 If your tax information shows that your income for last year was much higher than currently, you can request that your deductible be based on your current income
- 🌀 The deductible is paid in installments every three months of the program year

*Example: If your annual deductible is \$500, your household will pay \$125 for prescription drugs as of the start of each quarter of the TDP year on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st*

## BENEFITS

- 🌀 Prescription drugs covered by TDP are listed in the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary/Comparative Drug Index, otherwise known as the "formulary"

### NON FORMULARY DRUGS

- the Ministry may grant coverage for up to 12 months for a prescription drug not listed in the formulary
  - your health care provider must complete a Limited Use Prescription Form for drugs classified in the formulary as benefits only under certain conditions
- 🌀 Over-the-counter purchases with no prescription are not benefits
  - 🌀 Benefits include purchases made by household members under other ODB plans, such as the Seniors' Co-payment Program, Home Care, Ontario Works and The Ontario Disability Support Program

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- 🌀 If you have no private insurance:
  - TDP only accepts original prescription receipts
  - if you do not have original receipts, contact your pharmacist to have them reprinted

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🌀 If you have private insurance:

- send proof of annual premium payments, such as a cancelled cheque, bank statement or the insurance company's receipt
- if your coverage starts or ends between your program start date and July 31st, send a letter from the insurance company to confirm the coverage period
- if you are required to submit your original prescription receipts to your private insurance company, send TDP photocopies of your receipts and the original private insurance statements
- if your pharmacist applies your insurance benefits when you purchase prescriptions, send TDP original prescription receipts
- if you are eligible for prescription drug coverage under more than one private insurance plan, submit your prescription receipts to all insurance providers for reimbursement before they can be considered for benefits by TDP
- if a household member has met his/her annual or lifetime maximum coverage amount, provide TDP with written proof from your insurance company
- if your plan does not cover a particular drug, provide a document from the insurance company stating that the drug is not covered

## INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

- 🌀 TDP issues an official receipt of your household's drug expenses, which can be used in completing your Income Tax Return
- 🌀 You cannot claim drugs paid by TDP for the medical expense credit on your Income Tax Return
- 🌀 You may declare any amount that goes towards your deductible, any rejected claims and the \$2 co-payment per prescription for the medical expense credit on your Income Tax Return

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