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Important reminder – OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare

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Transition period for some drugs under Exceptional Access Program (EAP) ends July 1, 2018

As you know, all Ontario residents age 24 and under who have OHIP coverage are now automatically covered by **OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare**. As noted in our [previous communication](#), because drug funding decisions under the government EAP can take time, insurers agreed to temporarily assist with coverage from January 1 to June 30, 2018 for the following specific categories of drugs that could be eligible for coverage under EAP: antibiotics and anti-infectives, blood thinners, drugs with low EAP approval rates.

Beginning on July 1, 2018, these drugs will no longer be eligible for coverage under the private plan unless a plan member's application for EAP is denied. It is important that impacted plan members who may be eligible for funding under the government EAP apply before July 1, 2018.

We encourage you to share this [employee communication](#) with your employees to inform them about this change and avoid possible interruption of coverage should they be on drugs in the specific categories noted above.

Resources to help

For more information on OHIP+ please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/OHIPplus>.

On the government website you will find information on the EAP process, turnaround times for EAP processing and other important information.

If you have questions about the government OHIP+ or EAP programs, you can contact the Ontario Ministry of Health at OHIPplus@ontario.ca.

Contact us

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