



Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) and Sun Life

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Who can qualify for the Ontario

You will qualify for the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program when you turn **65 years old**. Some of you will qualify before you reach that age because you're:

- living in a:
 - long-term care home
 - home for special care
 - Community Home for Opportunity
- 24 years of age or younger and not covered by a private insurance plan
- receiving professional home and community care services
- receiving benefits from [Ontario Works](#) or [Ontario Disability Support Program](#)
- enrolled in the [Trillium Drug Program](#)

How do you know?

For **seniors** (people age 65 and older), a letter will be sent to you about three months before your 65th birthday to let you know you will **automatically join** the Ontario Drug Benefit program on the first day of the month after you turn 65 years old.

For Ontario Residents Only – Prescriptions must be filled in Ontario

Prescriptions must be filled in an Ontario pharmacy

You must have your valid health card with you.

What is covered by the ODB

- Allergy shots and epinephrine injectable products
- Some products used to monitoring and testing for diabetes
- Some prescribed over-the-counter drugs under specific circumstances
- Some nutrition products

Formulary Search:

<https://www.formulary.health.gov.on.ca/formulary/>

You can look up a drug by name, brand or DIN

Brand Name vs. generic Drugs : ODB pays for what ever costs less

Formulary Search

Search the **Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary/Comparative Drug Index**, effective from **December 18, 2020** using any or all of the criteria below.

Coverage Status
All Benefits

Therapeutic Classification
All Therapeutic Classifications

Manufacturer
All Manufacturers

Keyword
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Keyword Type
 Generic Name Brand Name DIN/PIN/NPN

Search for Products that begin with Keyword entered Generic/Brand name Summary List

Search Reset

Some drug products not listed on the Formulary are reimbursed through the Exceptional Access Program (EAP). Some drug products listed as a Limited Use benefit on the Formulary may be reimbursed through the EAP for other indications.

[Go to EAP Reimbursement Criteria](#)

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Cost of ODB

	Single	Married
Income above \$19,300	\$100 annual deductible, Maximum \$6.11 co-pay	
Income below \$19,300	No annual deductible Pay up to \$2.00 co-pay	
Combined income above \$32,300		\$100 annual deductible, Maximum \$6.11 co-pay
Combined income below \$32,300		No annual deductible Pay up to \$2.00 co-pay

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All costs can be claimed through Sun Life – either through your health care plan, or through your health care spending account

Reimbursements will be subject to the terms of your Sun Life plan.

The Pension & Benefits Office

- All documentation should be sent electronically to askpb@yorku.ca for the fastest processing
Documents can be mailed through Canada Post as we are in the office every two weeks for processing of mail and/or cheques therefore there will be delays in processing
- We can be reached by phone or email
416-736-2100 x27572 (askpb) or askpb@yorku.ca
Our phones are answered between 9 am and 4 pm. If you do not reach us and receive our voicemail, please note that we will return your call within 24 hours.
- We can also be reached through our portal at <https://askpb.yorku.ca/cherwellportal/pbmain#0>
- Our website also has a great deal of information at <https://retire.info.yorku.ca/>
- Great information as well as our service standards can be found in our monthly publication **The P&B Times**
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