

# If you are 65 or older and have lived here for the past year, most prescription drugs can be free.

## This is what Ontario is doing for you to get them.



Effective August 1, we have a new law in Ontario. It will allow almost everyone who is 65 or older and has been an Ontario resident for at least the past 12 months to receive most prescription drugs free.

That means prescriptions written by physician or dentist and filled in Ontario. Only those drugs listed in Ontario's Drug Benefit Formulary are free.

Here is who is eligible:

### Ontario residents who receive Old Age Security.

If you are 65 or older and are presently receiving an Old Age Security cheque from the federal government, you will automatically receive your new Drug Benefit Eligibility Card before August 1. (And, of course, if you are already getting a drug benefit card, you will continue to get one.) You don't have to do anything about it.

### Ontario residents not receiving Old Age Security.

If you are 65 or older, and have lived in Ontario for at least the past year but less than 10 years, you too are entitled to Ontario's prescription drug benefits. But because we don't know who you are, you'll have to apply for the drug benefit card — at your pharmacy or from the Ministry of Health. After you're enrolled, you'll automatically receive your drug benefit card.

### Here's how Drug Benefit works.

There are more than 1,500 prescription drugs listed in the Ministry of Health's Drug Benefit Formulary. When you visit a physician or dentist, tell him you qualify for the Drug Benefit so that he can prescribe medication from the Formulary. Then, give your Drug Benefit Card to the pharmacist. Your pharmacy will keep your card. But you can have it returned — in case you move or want to go to a different pharmacy.

### No cost to you.

When you get your prescription, you pay nothing. The pharmacist will be paid by your Ontario government.

In Ontario, we wish you the best of health. And we're doing something about it. So if you need to apply (and most people don't), pick up your Drug Benefit application form at your pharmacy, or write to:

Ministry of Health  
Drug Benefit  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2S3

For more information, telephone (free of charge) by dialing "0" and asking the operator for Zenith 8-2000. Residents within the Metro Toronto local calling area should dial 965-8470.

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