

Hepatitis C Treatment Coverage in Ontario

This document summarizes different hepatitis C treatment coverage channels in Ontario. For additional information, visit the [CATIE website](#) or the [Ontario Hepatitis C Elimination Roadmap website](#).

Scenario A: People with OHIP

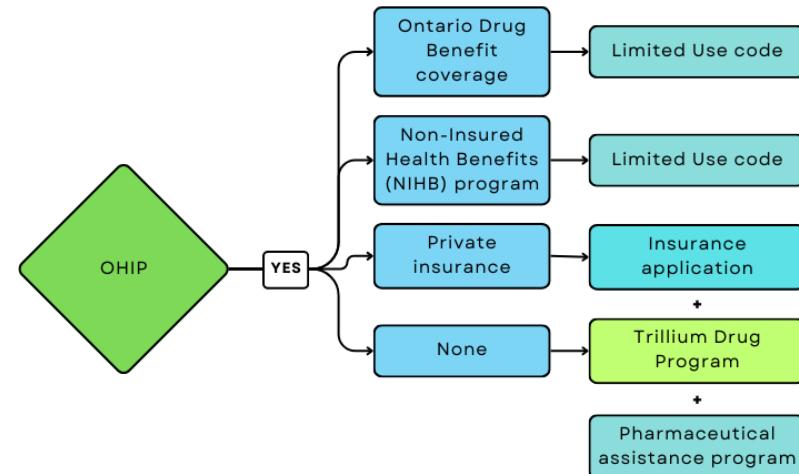
People with Ontario Drug Benefit coverage: Including people enrolled in [Ontario Works](#) or the [Ontario Disability Support Program](#), are over 65 years, or qualify for [OHIP+](#). Limited Use Code can be used ([see Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary](#)).

People with Non-insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program: If the patient is eligible for Ontario Drug Benefit, Limited Use code can be used ([see Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary](#)). Otherwise go through [Non-insured health benefits](#).

People with private insurance: Go through the private insurance first. If the full cost cannot be covered, [Trillium Drug Program](#) and [pharmaceutical assistance program](#) ([see page 2](#)) are available.

People with none of the above: Submit applications for [Trillium Drug Program](#) and [pharmaceutical assistance program](#) ([see page 2](#)).

***Reinfection treatment** can also be covered for people with OHIP. Submit an application through [Exceptional Access Program \(EAP\)](#) using a paper form, or the [web portal](#) for a quicker response.

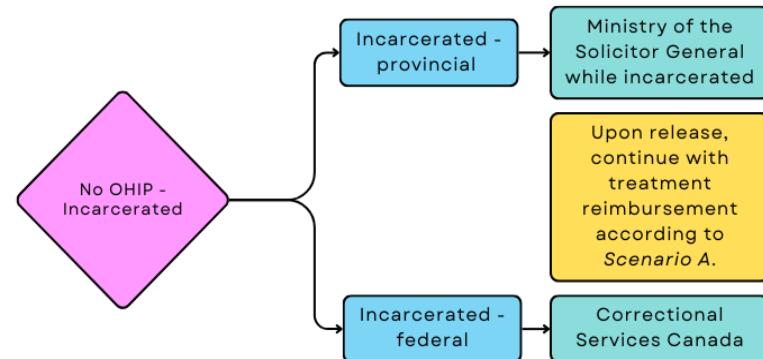


Scenario B: People Who are Incarcerated

People incarcerated in provincial institutions: The Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General will cover treatment during incarceration and link to community treaters.

People incarcerated in federal institutions: Correctional Services Canada will cover treatment cost during incarceration.

Upon release, continue treatment according to [Scenario A](#). The Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General will dispense medication for the remainder of the month if treatment has started during incarceration. [Pharmaceutical compassionate access](#) programs can provide bridging medication until coverage is obtained ([see page 2](#)).



Scenario C: Immigrants and Newcomers

People with visitor visas and temporary workers: No reimbursement available until their status changes.

International student: May be covered through school's health insurance, though medication coverage is usually limited. Otherwise, no reimbursement available until their status changes.

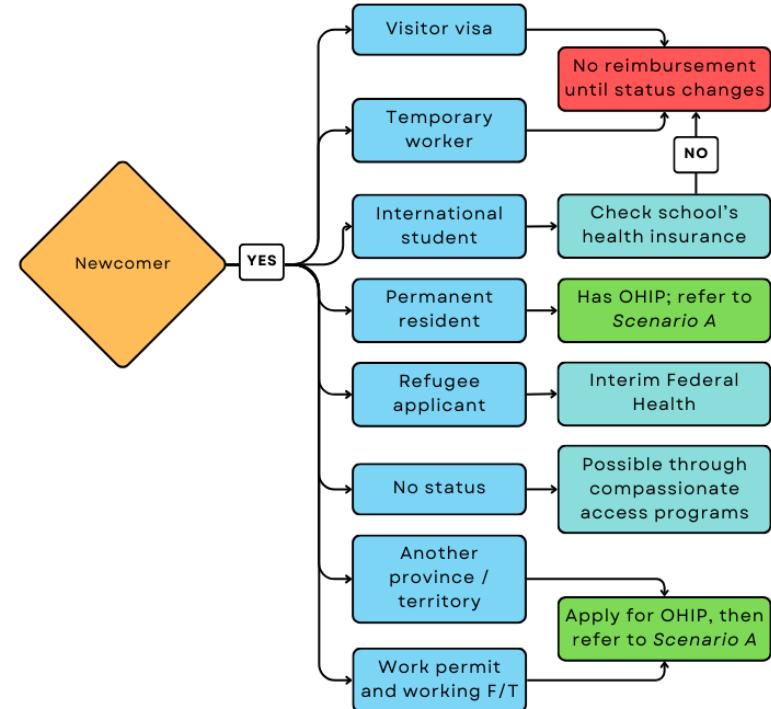
Permanent resident: Refer to [Scenario A](#) (see page 1).

Refugee applicant: Cost can be covered by [Interim Federal Health Program](#).

People with no status: It is possible that cost can be covered through [pharmaceutical compassionate access](#) programs (see below).

People relocating from another province and territory: [Apply for OHIP](#) first and refer to [Scenario A](#) (see page 1).

People with a work permit and working full time: [Apply for OHIP](#) first and refer to [Scenario A](#) (see page 1).



Pharmaceutical assistance programs

The pharmaceutical companies that make hepatitis C medications have programs to help people access and complete treatment.

AbbVie has the **AbbVie Care Program** for people taking Maviret (glecaprevir and pibrentasvir).

Phone: 1-844-471-2273; Fax: 1-844-491-2273; Email: inquiries_hcv@abbviecare.ca or visit abbviecare.ca

Gilead Sciences has the **Momentum Hepatitis C Support Program** for people taking Epclusa (sofosbuvir and velpatasvir), Harvoni (sofosbuvir and ledipasvir), Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) or Vosevi (sofosbuvir, velpatasvir and voxilaprevir).

Phone: 1-855-447-7977; Fax: 1-855-505-5885; Email: momentum@patientsupportprogram.ca

Pharmaceutical compassionate access programs

The pharmaceutical companies that make hepatitis C medications may provide medication for patients with no treatment coverage options on a case-by-case basis. Please contact your regional pharmaceutical representative, or contact them via their contact information above.