

Ministry of Health

Connecting Ontarians to the health care they need, when and where they need it — in their community, closer to home.

Apply for OHIP (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/apply-ohip-and-get-health-card>)

The Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) pays for many health services you may need.

Coverage for prescription drugs (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-coverage-prescription-drugs>)

Get help paying for prescription drugs when you qualify for the Ontario Drug Benefit program.

Health811 (<https://health811.ontario.ca>)

Get fast, free, health advice or find health services:

Toll-free: 811

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Check medication coverage (<https://www.ontario.ca/check-medication-coverage>)

Find out if your medication is covered through the Ontario Drug Benefit program (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-coverage-prescription-drugs>) , including OHIP+ (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus>) .

What we do

- provide the right care in the right place by (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/your-health-plan-connected-and-convenient-care#section-4>) :
 - expanding care at your local pharmacy
(<https://www.ontario.ca/page/pharmacies#section-2>)
 - improving access to care at home
 - improving access to mental health and addictions services
 - connecting you to health information 24/7 through Health811
(<http://health811.ontario.ca>)
 - expanding Ontario Health Teams to deliver care in your communities
 - bringing together primary care
- deliver faster access to care by (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/your-health-plan-connected-and-convenient-care#section-5>) :
 - reducing wait times for surgeries and procedures
 - providing faster access to emergency care
 - building new hospitals and adding more beds
- hire more health care workers by (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/your-health-plan-connected-and-convenient-care#section-6>) :
 - expanding the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant
(<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-learn-and-stay-grant>)
 - making it easier for those who want to work in Ontario
(<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002427/ontario-doing-more-to-further-expand-health-workforce>)
 - reducing fees for nurses (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/plan-stay-open-health-system-stability-and-recovery#nursing-fees>)
 - investing in education and training our health workforce
 - maximizing expertise of existing health care workers

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Ministry news (<https://news.ontario.ca/moh/en>)

Agencies, boards and commissions

The ministry is affiliated with the following independent agencies:

Non-board governed

Consent and Capacity Board (<http://www.ccboard.on.ca/scripts/english/index.asp>)

Health Professions Appeal and Review Board
(<http://www.hparb.on.ca/scripts/english/#gsc.tab=0>)

Health Services Appeal and Review Board (<http://www.hsarb.on.ca/scripts/english/>)

Ontario Review Board (<http://www.orb.on.ca/scripts/en/>)

Board governed

Ontario Health (<https://www.ontariohealth.ca/>)

Ontario Health atHome (<https://www.healthcareathome.ca/>)

Public Health Ontario (Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion)
(<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/>)

Advisory

Committee to Evaluate Drugs (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/drug-funding-review-and-approval-process>)

French Language Health Services Advisory Council (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/french-language-services-ministry-health>)

Ontario Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS
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(<https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/Home/Agency/338>)

Legislation

The ministry administers the following legislation:

Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Research Foundation Act
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90a16>)

Ambulance Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90a19>)

Brain Tumour Awareness Month Act, 2001 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01b19>)

Broader Public Sector Accountability Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/10b25>) (in respect of sections 5, 6, 8 , 14, 15, 17, 18 and 20)

Chase McEachern Act (Heart Defibrillator Civil Liability), 2007
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/07c10>)

Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17c14>) (in respect of core mental health services for children and youth; and except in respect of section 151, 222-227, 333, paragraph 10 of section 344, paragraphs 14-20 of subsection 346(1), paragraph 1 of section 349)

Commitment to the Future of Medicare Act, 2004 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/04c05>)

Compassionate Care Act, 2020

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s20030#:~:text=The%20Bill%20enacts%20the%20Compassionate,improved%20access%20to%20palliative%20care.>)

Connecting Care Act, 2019 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/19c05>), and responsibility in respect of sections 2, 18, 19 and 20 and subsections 21(4), 21(5) and 25(3) shared with the Minister of Long-Term Care, as they relate to long-term care homes

COPD Awareness Day Act, 2021

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s21018#:~:text=Bill%20157%20has%20been%20enacted,year%20as%20COPD%20Awareness%20Day.>)

COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Act, 2021 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/21c27>)

Defibrillator Registration and Public Access Act, 2020

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/20d08>)

Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h04>)

Drug Interchangeability and Dispensing Fee Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p23>)

Eating Disorders Awareness Week Act, 2020 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s20032>)

Endometriosis Awareness Month Act, 2021

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s21041#:~:text=Bill%2058%20has%20been%20enacted,year%20as%20Endometriosis%20Awareness%20Month.>)

Excellent Care for All Act, 2010 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/10e14>)

First Responders Day Act, 2013 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/13f11>) (responsibility for which is shared with the Solicitor General)

Fluoridation Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90f22>)

Gift of Life Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h20>)

Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h02>)

Health and Supportive Care Providers Oversight Authority Act, 2021

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/21h27>)

Health Care Consent Act, 1996 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/96h02>)

Health Facilities Special Orders Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h05>)

Health Insurance Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h06>)

Health Protection and Promotion Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h07>) (except the powers, duties, function and responsibilities under section 7 as it relates to the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program as described in the standards published under section 7; and any other provision of the Act as it relates to the administration of section 7 respecting that program; and responsibility in respect of section 78 shared with the Minister of Long-Term Care, as it relates to long-term care)

Health Sector Payment Transparency Act, 2017 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17h25>)

Healthy Menu Choices Act, 2015 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/15h07>)

Homemakers and Nurses Services Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h10>)

Homes for Special Care Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h12>)

Immunization of School Pupils Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90i01>)

Independent Health Facilities Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90i03>)

Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Awareness Month Act, 2010
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/10k20>)

Laboratory and Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90l01>)

Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/06l04>)

Lupus Awareness Day Act, 2021
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s21012#:~:text=Bill%20112%20has%20been%20enacted,year%20as%20Lupus%20Awareness%20Day.>)

Mandatory Blood Testing Act, 2006 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/06m26>)

Mental Health Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90m07>)

Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence Act, 2019
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s19017#:~:text=Schedule%201-,Mental%20Health%20and%20Addictions%20Centre%20of%20Excellence%20Act%2C%202019,of%20Excellence%20are%20provided%20for.>)

Ministry of Community and Social Services Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90m20>) (in respect of core mental health services for children and youth and sections 11.1 and 12 Long-Term Care Programs and Services)

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90m26%20>)
(except in respect of long-term care)

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Appeal & Review Boards Act, 1998
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/98m18d>)

Narcotics Safety and Awareness Act, 2010 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/10n22>)

Nurse Practitioner Week Act, 2016 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16n36>)

Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Act, 2007
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/07o10>)

Ontario Drug Benefit Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o10>)

Ontario Medical Association Dues Act, 1991 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91o51>)

Oversight of Health Facilities and Devices, 2017 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17o25>)

NOT YET IN FORCE

PANDAS/PANS Awareness Day Act, 2016 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s16031>)

Patient Restraints Minimization Act, 2001 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01p16>)

Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/04p03>)

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness, Research and Care Act, 2015
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/15p37>)

Private Hospitals Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p24>)

Provincial Framework and Action Plan Concerning Emerging Vector-Borne Diseases Act, 2015
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/15p13>)

Public Hospitals Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p40>)

Quality of Care Information Protection Act, 2016 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16q06>)

Recovery Month Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s21014>)

Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91r18>) and the following 27 health profession-specific statutes:

- *Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91a19>)
- *Chiropody Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91c20>)
- *Chiropractic Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91c21>)
- *Dental Hygiene Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91d22>)
- *Dental Technology Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91d23>)
- *Dentistry Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91d24>)
- *Denturism Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91d25>)
- *Dietetics Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91d26>)
- *Homeopathy Act, 2007* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/07h10>)
- *Kinesiology Act, 2007* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/07k10>)
- *Massage Therapy Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91m27>)
- *Medical Laboratory Technology Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91m28>)
- *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act, 2017* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17m25>)
- *Medicine Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91m30>)
- *Midwifery Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91m31>)
- *Naturopathy Act, 2007* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/07n10>)
- *Nursing Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91n32>)
- *Occupational Therapy Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91o33>)
- *Opticianry Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91o34>)
- *Optometry Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91o35>)
- *Pharmacy Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91p36>)
- *Physiotherapy Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91p37>)
- *Psychology Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91p38>)

- *Psychology and Applied Behaviour Analysis Act, 2021*
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/21p27>)
- *Psychotherapy Act, 2007* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/07p10>)
- *Respiratory Therapy Act, 1991* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91r39>)
- *Traditional Chinese Medicine Act, 2006* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/06t27>)

Safeguarding our Communities Act (Patch for Patch Return Policy), 2015

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/15s33>)

Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Day and Thalassemia Awareness Day Act, 2021

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s21022>)

Skin Cancer Prevention Act (Tanning Beds), 2013 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/13s05>)

Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17s26>)

Terry Fox Day Act, 2015 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/15t17>)

University Health Network Act, 1997 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/97t45>)

University of Ottawa Heart Institute Act, 1999 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/99u16>)

Voluntary Blood Donations Act, 2014 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/14v14>)

Consumption and Treatment Service Review Reports

In late 2023, the Ministry of Health appointed Jill Campbell as a supervisor of the South Riverdale Consumption and Treatment Service and asked Unity Health Toronto to conduct an external review.

- Consumption and Treatment Service Review — Prepared by Unity Health Toronto (PDF) (<https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-08/moh-consumption-treatment-service-review-unity-health-en-2024-08-19.pdf>)
- Community Engagement Report — Prepared by Unity Health Toronto (PDF) (<https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-08/moh-community-engagement-report-unity-health-en-2024-08-19.pdf>)

- South Riverdale Community Health Centre: Consumption and Treatment Services — Supervisor's Report (PDF) (https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-08/moh-south-riverdale-community-health-centre-cts-supervisor-report-en-2024-08-19.pdf)
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Stevenson Memorial Hospital Investigation Report

In February 2024, the Ministry of Health appointed Janice M. Skot as an investigator of Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

- Investigation Report Stevenson Memorial Hospital (PDF) (https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-09/moh-stevenson-memorial-hospital-final-investigator-report-en-2024-09-27.pdf)

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Renfrew Victoria Hospital Supervisor's Report

In June 2024, Altaf Stationwala was appointed supervisor for Renfrew Victoria Hospital.

- Supervisor's Report Renfrew Victoria Hospital (PDF) (https://www.ontario.ca/files/2025-06/moh-renfrew-victoria-hospital-final-supervisor-report-en-2025-06-05.pdf)

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Canada-Ontario agreements

Canada-Ontario Agreement to Work Together to Improve Health Care for Canadians (2023–24 to 2025–26)

In February 2024, the governments of Canada and Ontario announced a bilateral funding agreement to work together to improve health care for Ontarians across a number of shared health priorities, such as family health services and health workers.

Read the Canada-Ontario Agreement to Work Together to Improve Health Care for Canadians (2023–24 to 2025–26) (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/canada-ontario-agreement-work-together-improve-health-care-canadians-2023-24-2025-26>) , including annual updates to key bilateral agreement indicators.

Canada-Ontario Aging with Dignity funding agreement (2023–24 to 2027–28)

In March 2024, the governments of Canada and Ontario signed a bilateral funding agreement to support Ontarians to age with dignity close to home, with access to home care or care in a long-term care facility.

Read the Canada-Ontario Aging with Dignity funding agreement (2023–24 to 2027–28) (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/canada-ontario-aging-dignity-funding-agreement-2023-24-2027-28>) , including annual updates to key bilateral agreement indicators.

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