



Memo to Resource Parents:

Effective April 1, 2019 the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) has determined that the KARE Program, administered by GSC, is not considered a private plan. Therefore, children eligible for the KARE Program will continue to receive coverage for eligible prescription medications through OHIP+. If a prescription medication is not eligible through OHIP+, the claim should then be submitted to GSC for reimbursement through the KARE Program.

The MOHLTC has updated their OHIP+ FAQ Document to clearly state that the KARE Program is eligible for OHIP+ and this has been provided to the Ontario Pharmacy Association (OPA) as well as the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association (CLHIA) and is also available on the ministry website. A snap shot from the FAQ document for Patients (attached):

Are the KARE program (for children and youth admitted to the care of a Children's Aid Society) and the Aftercare Benefits Initiative considered private plans?

These programs are publicly funded programs and are not considered private plans under the regulation

When my child in KARE requires a prescription, what should I do when I go to the pharmacy?

Children and Youth 24 years of age and under covered through the KARE Program should present their Ontario Health card at any Ontario pharmacy to have their claims adjudicated under OHIP+.

What if my child in KARE's prescription is not an eligible drug on the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB)?

If the drug is not listed on the ODB Formulary, the pharmacist should then submit the drug through the KARE Plan using the child's Green Shield Canada (GSC) card. Note, GSC's system is set up so that drugs listed on the ODB Formulary will decline under the KARE Plan as they are eligible through OHIP+.

What if the prescription my child in KARE is taking is eligible for the Exceptional Access Program (EAP)?

GSC will be notifying the agency of the impacted children and asking that the foster parents start the process to apply for the Exceptional Access Program for these medications. This form will need to be filled out by the child's physician. Once the ministry has reviewed the form, the foster parent will need to provide GSC with a copy of the letter of approval or denial.

More information on the EAP will be provided shortly to those impacted.

Should I pay for my child in KARE's drug claim out of pocket?

No you should not. If the pharmacist is unsure, they should call GSC to sort this out behind the scenes.