

Health care coverage for refugees and claimants in Ontario

Status	Federal coverage	Ontario additions
GARs (for 1 year after arrival)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full coverage of all medical, diagnostic and hospital services - Psychotherapy, dental, vision, and other supplemental services - Medications and medical devices 	OHIP on arrival
Trafficking victims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full coverage of all medical, diagnostic and hospital services - Psychotherapy, dental, vision, and other supplemental services - Medications and medical devices 	
Refugee claimants (non-DCO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All medical, hospital and diagnostic services normally covered by provincial health insurance <i>except</i> elective surgery, rehabilitation, and long term care - No medication coverage <i>except</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for the prevention or treatment of a condition posing a risk to public health or safety, OR - in response to a medical emergency 	<i>Social assistance recipients</i> : same supplemental benefits as other Ontario residents on social assistance, including most prescription medicines and many other supplemental benefits
Refugee claimants (DCO)	No coverage of medical services or medication <i>except for</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diseases posing a risk to public health, i.e., contagious diseases, and ○ Conditions posing a risk to public safety, e.g., psychotic aggression 	It is not yet known whether Ontario will provide the same benefits to refugee claimants from DCO countries as to those from non-DCO countries.
Refused claimants (after final rejection of claim until removal date)	No coverage of health care services or medication <i>except for</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diseases posing a risk to public health, i.e., contagious diseases, and ○ Conditions posing a risk to public safety, e.g., psychotic aggression 	
Privately sponsored refugees (for 1 year after arrival)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All medical, hospital and diagnostic services normally covered by provincial health insurance <i>except</i> elective surgery, rehabilitation, and long term care - No medication coverage <i>except</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for the prevention or treatment of a condition posing a risk to public health or safety, OR - in response to a medical emergency 	OHIP on arrival