

## Health care coverage for refugees and claimants in Ontario

Status	Federal coverage	Ontario additions
<b>GARs</b> (for 1 year after arrival)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Full coverage of all medical, diagnostic and hospital services</li> <li>- Psychotherapy, dental, vision, and other supplemental services</li> <li>- Medications and medical devices</li> </ul>	OHIP on arrival
<b>Trafficking victims</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Full coverage of all medical, diagnostic and hospital services</li> <li>- Psychotherapy, dental, vision, and other supplemental services</li> <li>- Medications and medical devices</li> </ul>	
<b>Refugee claimants (non-DCO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All medical, hospital and diagnostic services normally covered by provincial health insurance <i>except</i> elective surgery, rehabilitation, and long term care</li> <li>- No medication coverage <i>except</i>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for the prevention or treatment of a condition posing a risk to public health or safety, OR</li> <li>- in response to a medical emergency</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Social assistance recipients</i> : same supplemental benefits as other Ontario residents on social assistance, including most prescription medicines and many other supplemental benefits
<b>Refugee claimants (DCO)</b>	No coverage of medical services or medication <i>except for</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Diseases posing a risk to public health, i.e., contagious diseases, and</li> <li>o Conditions posing a risk to public safety, e.g., psychotic aggression</li> </ul>	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.
<b>Refused claimants (after final rejection of claim until removal date)</b>	No coverage of health care services or medication <i>except for</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Diseases posing a risk to public health, i.e., contagious diseases, and</li> <li>o Conditions posing a risk to public safety, e.g., psychotic aggression</li> </ul>	
<b>Privately sponsored refugees (for 1 year after arrival)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All medical, hospital and diagnostic services normally covered by provincial health insurance <i>except</i> elective surgery, rehabilitation, and long term care</li> <li>- No medication coverage <i>except</i>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for the prevention or treatment of a condition posing a risk to public health or safety, OR</li> <li>- in response to a medical emergency</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	OHIP on arrival