

Trillium Drug Program Update: Deductibles for May to July 2020

On May 13, 2020, Ontario [announced](#) that households who have drug coverage through the [Trillium Drug Program](#) (TDP) can apply to have their deductible reduced for the period of May 1 until July 31, 2020 (the 4th quarter of the current 2019/20 benefit year), if the household's income has decreased by 10% or more since 2018. The Annual Deductible Re-Assessment Form can be found [here](#).

Background

TDP pays for eligible prescription drugs covered under the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program for residents of Ontario who:

- are between the ages of 25 and 64 years of age, or are 24 years of age and under and have access to a private insurance plan;
- have a valid Ontario Health number; and
- spend approximately 4% or more of their net income on prescription drug costs.

TDP households are required to pay a set amount, called a deductible, towards their prescription drug costs. A household's deductible is based on income tax information from the previous year. The TDP year runs from August 1 to July 31 of the next calendar year.

For the current TDP year, the annual deductible is based on a household's 2018 tax information. The recent change to TDP allows the deductible for the last quarter of the current year (May to July 2020) to be reduced if a household's income has decreased 10% or more in 2019 or so far in 2020.

More information

- [TDP Form: Annual Deductible Re-Assessment Request – For Program Year 2019/20 Based on 2019 or 2020 Income](#)
- [Ontario Ministry of Health Frequently Asked Questions: Making Changes to the Trillium Drug Program in Response to COVID-19](#)
- [Guide to Understanding the Trillium Drug Program](#) (which includes, as Appendix A, a table detailing deductibles based on various income amounts)
- [Application for Trillium Drug Program](#)

Please contact the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO) for legal advice about TDP or other issues. We can be reached at 416.340.7790/1.888.705.8889 or talklaw@halco.org.

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