

## Ontario Public Drug Programs Division

### Notice from the Executive Officer:

#### *Ontario Drug Benefit Act*

#### Legislative Amendments to Recognize Role of Nurse Practitioners in Requesting Exceptional Access Program Products and Prescribing Listed Substances (Bill 87)

July 2017

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with information regarding recent amendments to the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act* ("ODBA") that come into force on July 1, 2017.

The amendments to the ODBA allow therapeutic products listed on the Formulary such as diabetes testing strips and nutritional products prescribed by nurse practitioners to be reimbursed under the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program.

The amendments also enable nurse practitioners to submit a funding application to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for drug products under the Exceptional Access Program (EAP). EAP facilitates patient access to drugs not listed on the ODB Formulary/Comparative Drug Index, or where no listed alternative is available.

These changes make it easier for ODB recipients to be covered for more prescriptions written by their nurse practitioners.

For the authoritative text of the consolidated Act, please visit the e-Laws website at: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o10>

Any questions regarding the changes to the ODBA can be directed to:

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