

INFOBulletin

Keeping health care providers informed of payment, policy or program changes

To: Physicians, hospitals and clinics

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Re: Launch of Out of Province (OOP) website

The ministry has launched the Out of Province (OOP) website to provide general information to Ontario residents regarding OHIP funding for medical services provided outside of Ontario but within Canada.

There are no changes to existing policies and procedures for OHIP funding of OOP Health Services. The link to the website can be found at: [Out of Province Services - Ontario Health Insurance Plan - Ministry Programs - Public Information - MOHLTC](#)

There are two situations where insured medical services are covered by OHIP for insured residents while **outside Ontario but within Canada:**

1. **Travellers - Emergency medical care** required unexpectedly while travelling, working or attending school outside of Ontario but within Canada
2. **Prior Approval - Non-emergency (planned) medical care** required outside Ontario but within Canada. These services are requested by a physician who practices in Ontario or the practicing physician who will be providing the services in another province or territory. The ministry requires that certain insured services must be approved **prior** to the health services being provided

Referring physicians seeking non-emergency hospital or medical treatment OOP on behalf of their patients should complete and submit a prior approval application requesting funding before services are provided. As there is no specific OOP form at this time; the Prior Approval Application for Full Payment of Insured Out-of-Country Health Services Form (Form 4520-84) should be used. The form can be downloaded at:

[www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/GetFileAttach/014-4520-84~1/\\$File/4520-84E.pdf](http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/GetFileAttach/014-4520-84~1/$File/4520-84E.pdf).



Requests for prior approval are to be directed to the attention of Provider Payment Programs in the Health Services Branch (HSB). All inquiries including those from patients and physicians requiring assistance with this process or inquiring about the status of an application may contact the ministry via email at OHIPServicesOutsideOntario@ontario.ca or by calling this toll-free number (1-888-359-8807).