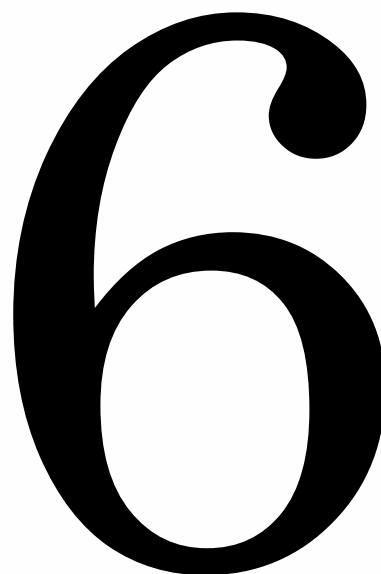


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6.1 Acts (Legislation)

Acts administered by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are:

- Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Research Foundation Act
- Ambulance Act
- Cancer Act
- Charitable Institutions Act
- Commitment to the Future of Medicare Act, 2004
- Community Psychiatric Hospitals Act
- Developmental Services Act (long-term care programs and services only)
- Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act
- Drug Interchangeability and Dispensing Fee Act
- Drugless Practitioners Act
- Elderly Persons Centres Act
- Expanded Nursing Services for Patients Act
- Fluoridation Act
- Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act
- Health Care Consent Act
- Health Facilities Special Orders Act
- Health Insurance Act
- Health Protection and Promotion Act
- Homemakers and Nurses Services Act
- Homes for Retarded Persons Act (long-term care programs and services only)
- Homes for Special Care Act
- Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act
- Human Tissue Gift Act (to be renamed Trillium Gift of Life Network Act)
- Immunization of School Pupils Act
- Independent Health Facilities Act
- Laboratories and Specimen Collection Centres Licensing Act
- Local Health Systems Integration Act, 2006
- Long Term Care Act, 1994
- Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007
- Mental Health Act
- Mental Hospitals Act
- Ministry of Community and Social Services Act (Sections 11.1 and 12 re: long-term care programs and services only)
- Ministry of Health Act
- Ministry of Health Appeal and Review Board Act, 1998
- Municipal Health Services Act

6.1 Acts (Legislation) (Continued)

- Nursing Homes Act
- Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997 (long-term care programs and services only)
- Ontario Drug Benefit Act
- Ontario Medical Association Dues Act, 1991
- Ontario Mental Health Foundation Act
- Ontario Works Act, 1997 (long-term care and services act only)
- Personal Health Information Protection Act
- Private Hospitals Act
- Public Hospitals Act
- Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991
- Audiology and Speech Language Act, 1991
- Chiropody Act, 1991
- Chiropractic Act, 1991
- Dental Hygiene Act, 1991
- Dental Technology Act, 1991
- Dentistry Act, 1991
- Denturism Act, 1991
- Dietetics Act, 1991
- Massage Therapy Act, 1991
- Medical Laboratory Technology Act, 1991
- Medical Radiation Technology Act, 1991
- Medicine Act, 1991
- Midwifery Act, 1991
- Nursing Act, 1991
- Occupational Therapy Act, 1991
- Opticianry Act, 1991
- Optometry Act, 1991
- Pharmacy Act, 1991
- Physiotherapy Act, 1991
- Psychology Act, 1991
- Respiratory Therapy Act, 1991
- Substitute Decisions Act, 1991
- Tobacco Control Act, 1994
- University of Ottawa Heart Institute Act, 1999

Major statutes relevant to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care but not administered by the ministry are:

- Canada Health Act
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Copies of these and other Acts and Regulations are available on the [E-law website](#) or you may purchase a copy from the Ontario Government Book Store.

6.2 Local Health Integration Networks

Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) have responsibility for:

- Public and private hospitals (including divested Provincial Psychiatric Hospitals)
- Community Care Access Centres
- Community Support Service Organizations
- Mental Health and Addiction Agencies
- Community Health Centres
- Long-Term Services Homes

For more information refer to:

www.lhins.on.ca

www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation/lhin/lhin_mn.html

6.3 Emergency Health Services

Ontario's Emergency Health Services (EHS) system is a series of interrelated land and air emergency medical services and programs designed to provide timely response and prehospital care. The Emergency Health Services Branch achieves this by:

- Overseeing air and land ambulance services, as well as the communications centres responsible for dispatching those ambulance services;
- Managing and regulating the land ambulance services provided by upper tier municipalities and District Social Services Administration Board, as well as providing administrative, operational, and technical support of ambulance services;
- Establishing standards for the management, operation, and use of ambulance services and assuring compliance with those standards;
- Maintaining close working relationships with the municipalities and designated delivery agents responsible for the proper provision of land ambulance services; with health care providers and facilities; with ambulance communications centres, and with other ministries and system stakeholders;
- Monitoring, inspecting and evaluating ambulance services and investigating complaints respecting ambulance service delivery.

For more information refer to:

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/program/ehs/ehs_mn.html

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ambul/ehs_mn.html

6.4 Assistive Devices Program

The objective of The Assistive Devices Program (ADP) is to financially assist Ontario residents with long term physical disabilities to obtain basic, competitively priced, personalized assistive devices appropriate for the individual's needs and essential for independent living. ADP includes the home oxygen program.

Devices covered by the program are intended to give people increased independence and control over their lives. They may allow them to avoid costly institutional settings and remain in a community living arrangement.

For more information refer to:

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/adp/adp_mn.html

6.5 Community Care Access Centres

Community Care Access Centres coordinate services for seniors, people with disabilities and people who need health care services in the community to help them live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. Staff at the centres, provide information and coordinate professional, personal support and homemaking services for people living in their own homes and for school children with special needs, and make arrangements for admission to long-term care facilities.

For more information refer to:

www.oaccac.on.ca

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/contact/ccac/ccacfaq.html

6.6 Cancer Care Ontario

Cancer Care Ontario is an umbrella organization that steers and coordinates Ontario's cancer services and prevention efforts. Cancer Care Ontario releases standards and guidelines for care, services provided, prevention methods, wait time lists and information on breast, cervical and colorectal screening.

For more information refer to:

www.cancercare.on.ca

6.7 Ontario Drug Benefit Programs

Through the Ontario Drug Benefit Program, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care covers most of the cost of prescription drug products listed in the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Formulary. The following people who are Ontario residents and have valid Ontario health insurance (OHIP), are eligible for drug coverage under the ODB Program:

- people 65 years of age and older;
- residents of long-term care facilities;
- residents of Homes for Special Care;
- people receiving professional services under the Home Care program;
- Trillium Drug Program recipients.

For more information refer to:

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/program/drugs/drugs_mn.html

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/drugs/trillium.html

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/drugs/odbf_mn.html

6.8 Family Health Teams

Family Health Teams are a key component of the government's plan to build a health care system that delivers on three priorities – keeping Ontarians healthy, reducing wait times and providing better access to doctors and nurses.

For more information refer to:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation/fht/fht_mn.html

6.9 Underserviced Area Program

The Underserviced Area Program (UAP) is one of a number of supports provided by the ministry to help underserviced communities recruit and retain health professionals. The UAP was established in 1969 to respond to the need for more health professionals in Northern Ontario. It has gradually expanded its role to address the issue of health human resources in southern communities.

The program is administered by Health Care Programs Division, North Region Branch, to enhance access to health care services in designated rural and remote areas of the province, which have difficulty attracting and retaining health care professionals. It offers a variety of components aimed at attracting and retaining health care providers to underserviced areas in Ontario. In order to access the UAP's recruitment and retention benefits, a community must be designated as underserviced.

For more information refer to:

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/uap/uap_mn.html

6.10 Academic Health Science Centre/ Alternate Funding Plan

An Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC) is the coming together of medical staff who hold both privileges at the teaching hospital and an academic appointment from the university; fully affiliated teaching hospital(s); and a university with a faculty of health sciences or a school of medicine. The function of an AHSC is to provide education, research and clinical services.

An AHSC Alternative Funding Plan (AFP) is a contract between academic physicians, teaching hospitals, universities, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) that sets out non-fee-for-service funding for a range of services and which aligns the interests of the parties by merging multiple funding sources for the remuneration of involved medical staff for clinical service, education, research and associated administration.

In exchange for the merger of funding sources, the parties of an AFP agree to meet a comprehensive set of deliverables in clinical service, education, research and associated administration.

For more information refer to:

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/project_ahsc/ahsc_mn.html

6.11 Homes for Special Care

The Homes for Special Care (HSC) Program was established in 1964 to provide long-term and permanent residential care to persons discharged from Provincial Psychiatric Hospitals (PPH) who require supervision or assistance with activities of daily living. The program encourages community living by offering a housing alternative to institutional care.

For more information refer to:

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/hsc/hsc_mn.html