

*This fact sheet provides basic information for health care providers and the public and should not be construed as legal advice. The authoritative source for OHIP eligibility is the Health Insurance Act and Reg. 552 thereunder.*

## Temporary Foreign Workers

### Closed and Open Work Permits

Temporary foreign workers who hold a valid work permit may be eligible for OHIP coverage. The worker must be employed full-time with an employer in Ontario for a minimum of 6 months and :

- Maintain their primary place of residence in Ontario; and
- Be physically present in Ontario for at least 153 days in any 12-month period; and
- Be physically present in Ontario for 153 of the first 183 days immediately after establishing residency in the province

### Document Requirements

In order to satisfy the above criteria, foreign workers applying for OHIP coverage must present their work permit as well as provide documentation confirming their full-time employment in Ontario for a period of at least 6 months. Additional document requirements may be necessary. Please refer to the [Ontario Health Coverage Document List \(form 9998E-82\)](#) for further information.

### Document Requirements – Family Members of Temporary Foreign Workers

Family members of OHIP-eligible temporary foreign workers may be eligible for OHIP coverage (this includes family members of OHIP-eligible open work permit holders and OHIP-eligible closed work permit holders) provided they are legally entitled to stay in Canada. Family members must provide the following :

OHIP-eligible Foreign Worker's Work Permit **and**

**one** of the following :

- i. The eligible foreign worker's Canadian Immigration document identifying the accompanying family member(s); **or**
- ii. The individual family member's immigration document as issued by CIC; **or**
- iii. Family member's passport with an admission stamp cross-referenced to the foreign worker's work permit.

Additional document requirements may be necessary. Please refer to the Ontario Health Insurance Coverage Document List for further information.

If you have questions about your eligibility for OHIP coverage, please contact INFOline at 1-800-268-1154 or visit your local [ServiceOntario centre](#). Go to [ServiceOntario.ca/findservices](http://ServiceOntario.ca/findservices) to find the centre nearest you.

## **Additional Information**

For more detailed information about OHIP eligibility, refer to :

- Fact sheet on OHIP Eligibility
- Questions & Answers on OHIP
- Regulation 552 of Ontario's *Health Insurance Act* (can be viewed online at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca))

The above is only a summary of the OHIP eligibility provisions of Regulation 552. You should consult the actual regulation for the specific requirements applicable to you. The provisions in Regulation 552 prevail over this summary.

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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Call the ServiceOntario **INFOline**

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