

These resources **may** be available for people who cannot work because of illness. **If you think you qualify, apply as early as possible.** Most applications are available on-line.

Income Replacement

1. **Sick Benefits.** Short and long-term sick benefits may be available from your work. Talk to your employer's Human Resources department.
2. **Employment Insurance (EI) Sick Benefits.** EI offers up to 15 weeks payment for people who are eligible. This is based on how many weeks are paid into the plan and payments are based on weekly earnings. Apply on-line through Service Canada at www.servicecanada.gc.ca. Drug costs are not covered.
3. **Canada Pension (CPP) Disability.** People with a severe and prolonged illness can apply to this plan, if they made regular contributions to CPP. Call 1-800-277-9914 or go on-line to www.servicecanada.gc.ca for more information. Drug costs are not covered.
4. **Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).** These programs are available to people with low incomes and little assets. People must first apply to Ontario Works. If the illness is long and severe, Ontario Works will make a referral to the Ontario Disability Support Program. Some drug costs are covered. To find a local Ontario Works office, contact: www.cfcs.gov.on.ca/mcss/english/pillars/social/contacts/ow_contact.htm.

Drug Coverage

1. **Trillium Drug Plan:** Everyone can apply to this plan. Pick up a form at any pharmacy or call 1-800-268-1154. You can also get the form at www.health.gov.on.ca.
2. **Ontario Government Funded Drug Plan:** This plan is available if you are 65 years or older **or** a resident in a special care institution (e.g., Long-term care facility) **or** on homecare (Community Care Access Centre) **or** on Ontario Works **or** on ODSP.
3. **Private Drug Plan:** You, your spouse or your parent may have a drug plan through work.
4. **Other:** Indian Affairs, military, veterans, workers compensation (WSIB).
5. **Drug Manufacturer Assistance Programs for New and Expensive Drugs:** Drug companies may help you find other drug payment options. They may also provide financial assistance. Ask the LRCP pharmacist for more information.
6. **CDAP:** Cancer Care Ontario is piloting a new program that will help seek out reimbursement options for oral drugs. Call the toll-free support line at 1-877-681-6551.

Other Help

- Not all drug plans cover all drug costs. Many drug plans have a co-payment or deductible. Some have a yearly or lifetime dollar limit. Contact your insurance provider for more information. You can also discuss your concerns with the LRCP pharmacist.

OR

- Contact The London Regional Cancer Program, Supportive Care Program at 519-685-8622 to make an appointment with a social worker.