

Bulletin



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SUBJECT: CHANGES TO OHIP-INSURED PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES - APRIL 1, 2005.

Effective April 1, 2005, changes have been made to OHIP-insured physiotherapy services provided by private physiotherapy clinics to redefine who is eligible for OHIP-insured physiotherapy services and the maximum number of services a patient may receive.

Insured physiotherapy services are defined as services rendered by designated physiotherapy clinics, when ordered by a physician and rendered by a physiotherapist employed or under contract with a designated physiotherapy (formerly known as “Schedule 5”) clinic to insured individuals who are:

Eligible patients – OHIP Insured Persons who are:	Maximum number of services
19 years of age and younger <u>or</u> 65 years of age or older	100 services per year
Between 20 and 64 years of age, who following discharge as a hospital in-patient, have physiotherapy needs directly connected to a condition, illness or injury for which the individual was admitted to hospital (post-acute hospitalization) – refer to section below entitled “Post-acute Hospitalization Referrals for OHIP-insured Physiotherapy Services Provided by Designated Physiotherapy Clinics” below for more details about these services	50 services per year
Individuals who require in-home services due to their condition, illness, or injury (including residents of long-term care home facilities)	100 services per year

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Notes:

- Some patients may already be receiving services through Community Care Access Centres, hospital in-patient or out-patient departments or other physiotherapy services not funded by OHIP; the changes noted above do not affect these services.
- Physicians are reminded that in order to be eligible for payment, OHIP-insured physiotherapy services:
 - must be ordered by a physician, and
 - where the patient requires services for an acute condition post-hospitalization, the services must have been ordered by a staff physician upon a patient's discharge from a hospital

Post-acute Hospitalization Referrals for OHIP-insured Physiotherapy Services Provided by Designated Physiotherapy Clinics

Hospital based physicians may refer in-patients between 20 and 64 years of age who require physiotherapy services for purposes directly related to the condition, illness or injury for which they were admitted to hospital for OHIP-insured physiotherapy services upon discharge.

- The referral for physiotherapy services must be included as part of the discharge plan and be requested by a hospital physician who was involved with the patient's care (e.g. included on the discharge summary provided to patient at time of discharge or other referral note).

Patients in Receipt of Ontario Disability Support Program, Ontario Works and Family Benefits

Recipients of Ontario Disability Support Program, Ontario Works and Family Benefits will also be eligible to receive government-funded physiotherapy services through a separate program. In order to be eligible for these funded services, they:

- must be ordered by a physician, and
- where the patient requires services for an acute condition post-hospitalization, the services must have been ordered by a staff physician upon a patient's discharge from a hospital

This Bulletin is a general summary provided for information purposes only. Physicians are directed to review the *Health Insurance Act*, Regulation 552 and the Schedules under that regulation, for the complete text of the provisions. You may access this information on-line at: <http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/>.

In the event of a discrepancy between this bulletin and the Act or regulations and/or Schedules under regulations, the text of the Act, regulations and/or Schedules prevail.

The ministry has developed some patient resources to help you inform your patients of changes to physiotherapy services. You may wish to post this material in your office or distribute this to your patients.

These resources are available for download from the ministry's web site at <http://www.health.gov.on.ca> . You will find them in the Health Care Providers channel under OHIP for Healthcare Professionals in the OHIP Bulletins section. From the OHIP Bulletin Index, follow the Series 300 link for Physiotherapy Facilities. Here is a direct link for your convenience:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/bulletins/3000/bulletin_3000_mn.html

Questions and Answers regarding Changes to OHIP-insured Physiotherapy Services

The questions and answers included below are intended to provide some examples of how the changes to OHIP-insured physiotherapy services might affect patients.

Q. A patient in the emergency department needs physiotherapy services, are they eligible?

- a) in emergency department for less than 24 hours**
- b) in emergency department for more than 24 hours**

A.

- a) Attendance in the emergency department itself does not qualify a patient for OHIP funded “post acute hospitalization” physiotherapy. Physicians, including hospital based physicians (e.g. from emergency departments), can continue as they have in the past to refer patients in the following categories for OHIP funded services provided by designated physiotherapy clinics (see list below) to:
 - Individuals 65 years of age and older
 - Individuals 19 years of age and younger
 - Individuals requiring in-home services as a result of their condition, illness or injury (including Long-Term Care home residents)
 - Individuals who are recipients of Ontario Disability Support Program, Ontario Works, or Family Benefits
- b) As above.

Q. Is a patient having day surgery eligible for OHIP-insured physiotherapy services?

A. Day surgery itself does not qualify a patient for OHIP funded “post acute hospitalization” physiotherapy. Physicians, including hospital based physicians (e.g. surgeons providing day surgery), can refer patients eligible for OHIP funded services provided by designated physiotherapy clinics (see list below).

Q. A 54-year old patient is admitted to hospital as an in-patient for knee surgery, this individual will require physiotherapy as a result of this surgery, however, the attending physician does not want the physiotherapy to commence until the patient has been reassessed by the surgeon two weeks following the surgery.

A. The attending physician should include a referral on the discharge summary that physiotherapy services will be required pending re-assessment by the surgeon. This referral can be provided to the designated physiotherapy clinic following reassessment by the surgeon.

Q. This same patient as above subsequently obtains physiotherapy services at a designated clinic and is discharged from physiotherapy following the appropriate course of treatment. Four weeks following the discharge from physiotherapy services, the patient experiences a “flare-up” and seeks physiotherapy services again. Is this covered by OHIP?

A. In this circumstance the individual would no longer be eligible for OHIP-insured physiotherapy services unless they met a different criterion for eligibility.

Q. A 60-year old patient is admitted to hospital for cardiac concerns and upon discharge no need for physiotherapy services is identified. Subsequently a physician determines that this patient may benefit from physiotherapy services as the patient has decreased strength and mobility.

- a) This individual is ambulatory and able to attend clinic based services.**
- b) This individual is severely compromised and unable to access clinic based services**

A.

- a) This individual is not eligible for OHIP-insured physiotherapy services provided by designated physiotherapy clinics effective April 1, 2005 and would be required to pay privately or seek reimbursement through private coverage.
- b) This individual would be eligible for OHIP insured physiotherapy services if the physician determines that the individual requires in-home services as a result of their condition, illness, or injury.

Q. An individual between 20 and 64 years of age was admitted to hospital over two years ago for surgery and was subsequently referred to a Schedule 5 Physiotherapy Facility for physiotherapy services at that time. This individual has been accessing clinic based Schedule 5 services since then and wants to know if he continues to be eligible for services after April 1, 2005.

A. This individual would only be eligible for continued OHIP-insured services provided by a designated physiotherapy clinic if they are a recipient of Ontario Disability Support Program, Ontario Works, or Family Benefits.

SCHEDULE OF DESIGNATED PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINICS-APRIL 1, 2005

Item	Location	Name
1.	Aurora	Coxwell Physiotherapy Centre
2.	Barrie	Barrie Physiotherapy Clinic
3.	Belleville	Quinte Physiotherapy Clinic
4.	Bramalea	Evans Physiotherapy Clinic
5.	Brampton	North Brampton Physiotherapy
6.	Brantford	Greystone Physiotherapy Clinic
7.	Brantford	Scott Physiotherapy Clinic
8.	Brechin	Mr. B. MacIntyre
9.	Burlington	Brant 730 Physiotherapy
10.	Cambridge	The Harrington Physiotherapy Clinic
11.	Cornwall	Cornwall Physiotherapy Clinic
12.	Durham	Bluewater Physiotherapy Clinic
13.	Etobicoke	Four Seasons Physiotherapy
14.	Etobicoke	Kingsway Physiotherapy
15.	Etobicoke	Mrs. M. J. Howell
16.	Etobicoke	Queensway Physiotherapy Centre
17.	Etobicoke	Six Points Physiotherapy
18.	Guelph	Stone Road Mall Physiotherapy
19.	Hamilton	First Place Physiotherapy
20.	Hamilton	Mountain Physiotherapy
21.	Hamilton	Park Physical Therapy
22.	Hamilton	Physiotherapy Services
23.	Hamilton	68 Charlton Avenue West Ltd.
24.	Hamilton	Steel City Physiotherapy
25.	Hamilton	The Hamilton Physiotherapy Clinic

26.	Hamilton	Upper Ottawa Physiotherapy
27.	Hamilton	West End Physiotherapy Clinic
28.	Kingston	Blaser's Physiotherapy Clinic
29.	Kitchener	Kitchener Physiotherapy Centre
30.	Lindsay	Lindsay Physiotherapy Services
31.	London	Mr. J. Salo
32.	London	The London Physical Therapy Clinic
33.	Maple	Mr. D. Creighton
34.	Midland	Mrs. M. Thomson
35.	North York	Canadian Physiotherapy Centre
36.	North York	Lawrence Curlew Physiotherapy
37.	North York	Kinesis Physical Therapy
38.	North York	Freda Naiman Physiotherapy
39.	North York	North East Physiotherapy Services
40.	North York	North Toronto Physiotherapy Centre
41.	North York	Physiotherapy Associates
42.	North York	The Physiotherapy Centre
43.	North York	Willowdale Physiotherapy Clinic
44.	Oakville	Oakville Physiotherapy Centre
45.	Oshawa	Central Park Physiotherapy Centre
46.	Oshawa	Mr. G. F. Monckton
47.	Oshawa	Oshawa Clinic
48.	Ottawa	Mrs. A. G. Arnold
49.	Ottawa	Cleave Physiotherapy
50.	Ottawa	The Sports Therapy Clinic
51.	Ottawa	Regional Physiotherapy Clinic
52.	Ottawa	The Ottawa and District Physiotherapy Clinic
53.	Pembroke	Pembroke Physiotherapy Clinic
54.	Sarnia	Lambton County Physiotherapy Services
55.	Sarnia	Sam Shuqair Physiotherapy
56.	Sault Ste. Marie	Sault Physiotherapy Centre
57.	Sault Ste. Marie	Sault Ste. Marie & District Group Health Association
58.	Scarborough	Central Scarborough Physiotherapy Clinic
59.	Scarborough	Scarborough-South Physiotherapy Centre
60.	Scarborough	Yee Hong Rehabilitation Centre
61.	Scarborough	Miss M. W. Seaver
62.	Simcoe	Elgin Ave. Physiotherapy
63.	Stoney Creek	Queenston Physiotherapy
64.	Stouffville	Stouffville Physiotherapy Clinic
65.	Thorold	Thorold Medical Clinic
66.	Tillsonburg	Tillsonburg Physiotherapy Clinic
67.	Toronto	Albany Physiotherapy Clinic
68.	Toronto	Bloor Medical Clinic
69.	Toronto	Davisville Physiotherapy Centre
70.	Toronto	Eglinton-Bayview Physiotherapy
71.	Toronto	Mrs. M. Gacich
72.	Toronto	High Park Physiotherapy
73.	Toronto	Community Physiotherapy Clinic
74.	Toronto	Miss D. Madgett
75.	Toronto	Main & Gerrard Physiotherapy Clinic
76.	Toronto	Parkdale Physiotherapy Associates
77.	Toronto	Physical Therapy Services
78.	Toronto	Physiotherapy Ki Li
79.	Toronto	Kings Professional Physiotherapy Clinic
80.	Toronto	Brenda L. Rusnak
81.	Toronto	St. Clair-Dufferin Medical Centre
82.	Toronto	Scarborough North Physiotherapy Clinic

83.	Toronto	Mrs. Hanna Scheutze
84.	Toronto	St. George Physiotherapy Clinic
85.	Toronto	Shelton Physiotherapy Associates
86.	Waterdown	King East Physiotherapy
87.	Welland	Physiotherapy Rehabilitation Centre
88.	Weston	Weston Physiotherapy Centre
89.	Windsor	Joseph Berkeley Ltd.
90.	Windsor	Windsor Physiotherapy Services
91.	Windsor	Wardle's Physiotherapy Clinic
92.	York	York Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Centre
93.	York	Humber Physiotherapy Services
94.	York	Professional Physiotherapy Centre