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It's been just one month since OHIP+ took effect on January 1st and already, more than one million prescriptions have been filled for free for children and youth under the age of 25. OHIP+ is the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation, and it's making a big difference in the lives of families right across Ontario.

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Also Today:

- Joe Dickson, MPP for Ajax-Pickering, was joined by Granville Anderson, MPP for Durham, to announce that Ontario is partnering with Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences in Whitby to develop a mobile app that will provide information about mental health. The app will allow for self-assessment of symptoms and help Durham Regional Police Service's officers and staff find appropriate clinical services when needed. This project will help mitigate barriers to mental health support and treatment and improve awareness and acceptance of mental health issues among first responders. Real-time information will be tailored specifically to individual needs and will be easily accessible. It will also help improve well-being, which will lead to reduced police service costs through reduced sick days and leaves of absence. This project is part of the [Occupational Health, Safety and Prevention Innovation Program \(OHSPiP\)](#), which supports workplace-focused innovation projects and collaborative partnerships that lead to improvements in occupational health and safety in Ontario.

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- Our government's plan to build a stronger, healthier Ontario includes historic new investments in health care, including free medications for everyone 24 and under through OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare, providing free tuition to over 210,000 students and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 kids access quality, licensed child care and making it more affordable for families, making everyday life more affordable by reducing electricity costs by 25 per cent on average through our Fair Hydro Plan, and taking action to make housing more affordable for homebuyers and renters through our Fair Housing Plan.

