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### *OHIP+ Changes under the New Ontario Government*

While not getting rid of OHIP+, which was the drug coverage program for Ontario Residents under the age of 25, the New Provincial Government has made OHIP+ into a second payor.

Under the premise of announcing a “Fix” to the OHIP+ program Christine Elliott the provincial minister for health & long-term care made the program effectively a second payor. If the child or youth is covered by a private plan that will be the first payor and the government may pick up the balance. Should there be no private coverage the original OHIP+ will come into play.

As this program is transitioned with the revision, Ms. Elliott stated that the Government has asked the private insurers to extend the grace period granted the previous government.

The president of the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association (CLHIA) has stated “The Industry is pleased to extend the transition period agreed to with the previous Government beyond July 1<sup>st</sup>.”

This puts plans back to where we were prior to the January 1, 2018 change date, with private plans covering dependents as first payor.

We wanted to get this note out to everyone and will look to provide additional information as it is available as we anticipate there may be more changes as the P.C.’s look to make their mark.

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