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On January 1, 2014, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care launched the Ontario Temporary Health Program (OTHP) for refugee claimants.

This program provides urgent and essential care for those Refugee Claimants and Resettled Refugees who were no longer fully covered by the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) changes on June 30, 2012. Medavie Blue Cross is the claims administrator for this program.

On April 1, 2016, the federal government will be restoring the IFHP. As such, OTHP will not be extended beyond its scheduled March 31, 2016 program end date. Health care providers need to note that claims for payment for health services provided under OTHP on or before March 31, 2016 need to be submitted within eight months of the date the service was provided. For services provided on March 31, 2016, the last date to submit claims would be November 30, 2016.

For more information on claims submission and processing, contact Medavie Blue Cross at **1-888-614-1880**. Information is also available on the Medavie Blue Cross website at www.medavie.bluecross.ca in the Health Professionals section.