

March 2022 Communication: Vaccine Coverage

As outlined in the Sun Life benefit booklet, McMaster's extended health plan provides coverage for **vaccines that legally require a prescription**. Every drug, including vaccines, are placed within a drug category, or schedule, that determines whether a prescription is required and who can administer a vaccine. Health Canada manages the drug schedules, and they are continually reviewed and updated.

Therefore, at any time, benefit plan eligibility for a vaccination may change if Health Canada have changed the classification to no longer legally requiring a prescription. It is recommended that prior to receiving a vaccine that has a cost, plan members contact Sun Life to see if it is eligible for coverage. This can be done online via the drug lookup tool on mysunlife.ca or by contacting Sun Life at 1-800-361-6212.

Depending on your age and / or medical condition, there may also be provincial plan coverage (OHIP) to cover the vaccine cost in full and you should discuss further with your primary health care provider.

Any questions? Please reach out to your Human Resources Representative.