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SCHEDULE A – SUMMARY OF DISCRETIONARY BENEFITS							
No.	Benefit or Service	Health	Non health	Application/ Detail			
1	Basic dental services for OW adults and ODSP dependent adults	Yes		OW adults are eligible for basic dental services as per MCSS Schedule of Dental Services and Fees and the MCSS Schedule of Services and Fees for Dental Hygienists Who Self-Initiate as well as approval from the Dental Plan Administrator for "pre-determination" of any procedures that exceed \$400 per treatment plan			
2	Dentures	Yes		Coverage for a maximum of \$750 per upper and \$750 per lower denture for OW and ODSP clients, every 5 years, when prescribed to relieve pain or for medical or therapeutic purposes or to increase employability.			
3	Vision care for OW adults and ODSP dependant adults	Yes		Coverage for a maximum of \$250 in a 24 month period for the cost of vision are and an additional \$200 within the 24 months for the replacement of lenses if ere is a change in prescription. Glasses may also be replaced if lost or estroyed at a cost up to \$200 during the 24 month period.			
4	Prosthetic Appliances	Yes		Coverage for the cost of prosthetic appliances not covered under any other program up to a maximum of \$300 per item. Coverage includes braces, orthotics alerting devices for hearing impaired and air conditioners for respiratory or other severe medical conditions.			
5	Hearing Aids and batteries	Yes		OW Adults and dependent children are eligible for up to \$500 per hearing aid in a 3 year period; and for on-going costs of hearing aid batteries up to \$15/month and for an additional \$500/3 year period for the replacement of hearing aids if there is a change in prescription.			
6	Travel and Transportation		Yes	Coverage for a subsidy of \$34/ month for OW and ODSP adults, not eligible for other funding to purchase a monthly City transit pass. Coverage for the reasonable and cost effective transportation costs to assist a recipient to move to another municipality Coverage for the transportation costs for clients to attend court in another municipality for the purposes of pursuing spousal or child support and Coverage for the travel costs for an OW or ODSP client to attend a hospital or funeral for a parent, child or sibling.			
7	Basic funeral and burials services	Yes		Maximum fees include: up to \$2,250 towards funeral services and up to \$1,000 towards the cost of cemetery and burial fee; cost of the crypt if required by cemetery.			
8	Baby Supplies and equipment	Yes		Benefits to include infant car seat to a maximum of up to \$125 and booster seats up to \$50 once per family (unless multiple children are in car seats at the same time) Coverage also includes cost of a CSA approved crib to a maximum of \$200 once per family (unless multiple children are in cribs at one time) and the cost of purchase or rental of breast pumps.			
9	Paternity testing		Yes	Covers the cost of DNA testing of OW recipients and the dependent child to establish paternity in order to pursue child support – one time only, with the intent of recovering costs.			

10	Prescription Drugs	Yes		Covers the cost of prescribed medications for benefit unit members of OW and ODSP when cost not covered under Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Drug formulary and there is no alternative that can be prescribed for up to three months
11	Moving and storage costs		Yes	Covers up to \$500 once in a calendar year towards the reasonable costs of moving and/or storage fees less any amount previously issued in the preceding 24-month period under the mandatory benefit "Community Start-up and Maintenance Benefit."
12	Home repairs for OW families who own their own homes	Yes		Up to \$3,000 for necessary repairs for the preservation and maintenance of the dwelling place when no providing the support would be to the detriment of the health and wellbeing of the client or dependants. This benefit is available one in a lifetime but additional occurrences may be considered under exceptional circumstances by a supervisor.
13	Vocational training		Yes	Consider on a case-by-case basis if not eligible under mandatory benefits or employment related expenses.
14	Birth Verification		Yes	To assist with the cost of obtaining a birth certificate only up to the amount following the fees of the Ontario Office of the Registrar General for dependent children of OW or ODSP, once per child
15	Replacement or repair to fridge or stove	Yes		Up to \$200/ appliance in a 12 month period for the replacement or repair of a fridge or stove
16	Replacement of household contents in an emergency situation	Yes		Up to \$200/ member of the family per event for the replacement of personal effects in emergency situations, such as floods or fires, when other benefits and insurance are not available.
17	Rent deposits	Yes		Covered for OW or ODSP clients, if deposit required as condition of tenancy and other mandatory benefits are not available, up to maximum shelter allowance under OW Reg 42.
18	Heat and utility deposits or payment to prevent eviction or disconnection of services	Yes		Covers up to \$600 per service or \$1,200 if the heat and utility are with the same service provider, in a calendar year less the amount previously issued in the preceding 24 month period under the mandatory benefit "Community Start-up and Maintenance Benefit."
19	Recreation and social activities subsidies for children		Yes	Provides up to \$200 per OW or ODSP dependent child in a calendar year to participate in recreational or social activities.
20	2008 only Children's Fall Health Benefit	Yes		Provides \$250/child on OW or ODSP for warm seasonal clothing and funding for social inclusion in community activities.