



Aftercare Benefits Initiative (ABI) Program: Eligibility Criteria

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	Former Youth in Extended Society Care	Youth who have received or have been eligible to receive Continued Care and Support for Youth (CCSY)			
	<i>Adopted</i>	<i>Extended Society Care / Legal Custody Order</i>	<i>Customary Care Agreement</i>	<i>Voluntary Youth Service Agreement (VYSA)</i>	<i>Renewed Youth Support (RYS)</i>
Age	18-25	21-25	21-25	21-25	21-25
Stipulations	Adopted on or after June 1, 2016	Youth who were in extended society care or subject to a legal custody order immediately prior to the youth's 18th birthday, or immediately prior to the youth's marriage if the marriage occurred before the youth's 18th birthday	Youth who were subject to a Customary Care agreement, for which a society paid a subsidy, immediately prior to the youth's 18th birthday	Youth who were subject to a Voluntary Youth Services Agreement prior to their 18th birthday	Youth who were eligible for the Renewed Youth Support (RYS) program prior to January 1, 2018, whether or not the youth actually received RYS
Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No coordination of benefits Cannot be enrolled or covered /eligible for benefits under another source (e.g., a health plan provided by an employer, a spouse, a post-secondary institution, adoptive family etc.) Cannot be in receipt of social assistance (i.e., Ontario Works [OW] or Ontario Disability Support Program [ODSP]) 				
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although youth receiving Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are not eligible for the GreenShield health benefits portion, they may still be eligible to receive counselling and life skills support services through the ABI program, so long as the youth attests that they are not receiving these services from another source. Youth who are eligible for benefits from a post-secondary institution, so long as these youth opt-out of the post-secondary benefits program. 				
Dependent Eligibility - Spouse	No				

<p>Dependent Eligibility – Child</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Type of Benefits Coverage</p> <p><i>Drug, Dental, Vision, and Extended Health services, including counselling and life support services, are available between the ages of 18 to 25 Counselling and life support services are available between the ages of 21 to 29</i></p>	<p>Drug, Dental, Vision, Extended Health (i.e., medical items, professional services, etc.), Counselling/ Life Support Services</p>
<p>Benefit Carrier for Drug, Dental, Vision, Extended Health)</p> <p><i>Drug, Dental, Vision, and Extended Health services will only be covered for up to a maximum of four (4) consecutive years</i></p>	
<p>Benefit Carrier for Counselling and Life Support Services</p> <p><i>Counselling and Life Support services will only be covered for up to a maximum of eight (8) consecutive years</i></p>	
<p>Attestation Requirement</p> <p><i>Youth will be required to attest that they are not eligible for benefits from another source. Youth who are in receipt of social assistance will only need to attest that they are not eligible for counselling and life skills support services from another source.</i></p>	<p>Yes</p>

Ready, Set, Go (RSG) program

Youth who are eligible for the RSG program and/or are currently enrolled in the RSG program, are not eligible for ABI and will be required to remain on the agency's KARE (or equivalent) plan.