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(URL link to ServiceOntario news release:

<https://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2020/01/government-of-ontario-protecting-the-health-care-system-from-fraud.html>)

Tuesday January 21, 2020– Service Ontario News Release on January 9, 2020 at 9:00AM Ministry of Health. Ontario is protecting the health care system against fraud by ensuring the final transition to a more secure photo health card. As of July 1, 2020, red and white health cards will no longer be accepted for Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) services.

Starting this month, individuals with red and white health cards will begin to receive letters letting them know that they will need to get a photo health card at a ServiceOntario centre before the July 1, 2020, deadline.

Photo health cards can easily be obtained for free at ServiceOntario by:

- Bringing the right original documents (proof of Canadian citizenship or OHIP-eligible immigration status; proof of residency in Ontario and proof of identity);
- Completing a Health Card Re-Registration form ahead of time or by getting one at ServiceOntario; and
- Visiting a ServiceOntario centre.

Regardless of an individual's health card status, Ontario's public hospitals cannot refuse to provide services to a patient who is faced with a life-threatening medical emergency. Red and white card holders who do not convert by July 1, 2020, may be asked to pay up-front for insured health services as their red and white health card will not be valid. Once a photo health card is obtained, eligibility for Ontario health insurance is restored and any payments made for OHIP-insured health services will be promptly reimbursed once a valid health card is provided.

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