

The Honourable Ruth Grier  
Minister of Health  
Ontario Ministry of Health  
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Dear Ms. Grier:

I am writing you concerning issues I feel are very relevant regarding the proposed catastrophic drug funding. Specifically, concerns I have about the treatments for HIV/AIDS that the Trillium Drug Program announcements have so far failed to acknowledge or address.

Many federally approved drugs are inaccessible to people living with HIV/AIDS because they are not covered by provincial or private insurance, even though they have become the standard of care in the treatment of HIV/AIDS. Such drugs, experimental therapies and nutritional supplements greatly improve the quality and dignity of our lives.

We are calling upon you to ensure that the following licensed, as well as experimental drugs and nutritional supplements are added immediately to the Ontario Drug Benefits Lists in order to be covered by the Trillium Drug Program:

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| Atavoquone ✓          | Paromycin ✓                                  |  |
| Clarithromycin ✓      | Gravol ✓                                     |  |
| Itraconazole ✓        | Azithromycin ✓                               |  |
| Topical Clyndamycin ✓ | Micronutrients: Multivitamins, Vitamin C, ✓  |  |
| Decadurabolin ✓       | ✓ Potassium Tablets, Vitamin E, Betacarotene |  |
| Atarax ✓              | Mineral Supplements, Amino Acid              |  |
| Liquid Immodium       | Supplements, OptiCal                         |  |
| Reactine ✓            | Protein Supplements: Peptamen, Nutren        |  |
| Benedryl ✓            | NutrAssist, PeptiCal                         |  |

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These are some of the many additions we would like to see added. Your immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated and expected.

Yours truly,

(signature)

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