

Provincial Health Plan Summary

Province of British Columbia

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Prescription Drugs

- ❖ Coverage, through BC Pharmacare, for eligible drugs prescribed by a physician, certain ostomy supplies, insulin, syringes, needles and test strips for diabetics.
- ❖ Coverage based on the following amounts:
 - Seniors age 65 and older who qualify for MSP premium assistance, pay up to \$10 per prescription (deductible includes drug cost and dispensing fee) to a maximum of \$200 per year.
 - All other seniors age 65 and older pay up to \$25 per prescription (deductible includes drug cost and dispensing fee) to a maximum of \$275 per year.
 - Individuals under 65 and their families, who qualify for MSP premium assistance, pay prescription drug costs to a maximum of \$800 per year.
 - All other individuals under 65 and their families pay prescription drug costs to a maximum of \$1,000 per year, after which they pay 30 per cent of drug costs to a ceiling of \$2,000.

Ambulance

- ❖ Some coverage for ambulance transportation. Residents are required to pay \$54 for all transportation up to 40 km, as well as an additional 50 cents per km after that, up to a maximum of \$274.

Dental Benefits

- ❖ **NO COVERAGE** for most dental procedures.
- ❖ Coverage only for dental procedures requiring hospitalization.
- ❖ Limited coverage for residents ages 20 and younger requiring correction of severe facial and cleft palate deformities.

Visioncare

- ❖ **NO COVERAGE** for glasses or contact lenses.
- ❖ Coverage of routine eye exams for residents ages 18 and younger or ages 65 and older.

Hospital

- ❖ Coverage for standard ward rooms only.

Nursing Benefits and Home Care

- ❖ Limited coverage for home nursing

Paramedicals

- ❖ Coverage for chiropractic, physiotherapy, naturopathy, massage therapy and non-surgical podiatry to B.C. residents who qualify for MSP premium assistance. These individuals are covered for up to a combined total of 10 visits per year and a maximum of \$23 per visit.
- ❖ Surgical podiatry is covered for all B.C. residents.

Hearing Aids

- ❖ **NO COVERAGE.**

Medical Supplies

- ❖ Some coverage for ostomy and mastectomy supplies, permanent prosthetic devices, and for orthotic devices, through the Pharmacare program, for children ages 19 and under.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment

- ❖ **NO COVERAGE.**

Out of Country

- ❖ Coverage for emergency situations only.
- ❖ In-patient coverage of up to \$75 per day for adults and children, and \$41 per day for newborns. Physicians and diagnostic services are covered at BC rates.
- ❖ **NO COVERAGE** for out-patient services.