

HOT TIP
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Northern Health Palliative Care

Plan P Coverage for New BC Residents

Pharmacare Plan P

The BC Palliative Care Drug Plan (Plan P) covers 100% of the eligible costs of selected prescription and over-the-counter medications necessary for palliative care. The list of medications covered can be found on the [Plan P Formulary](#).

Eligibility of new BC residents for Plan P coverage

- PharmaCare can provide interim coverage to Canadian citizens/permanent residents who are new BC residents and do not yet have MSP coverage.
- Patients will need a BC Personal Health Number (PHN) which can be assigned at any community pharmacy.

Registration Process

- Ask the patient for their BC PHN.
- Complete the [BC Palliative Care Benefits Registration Form](#).
- Fax the form to both Health Insurance BC and your local home and community care office.
- Once approved a confirmation of coverage letter for the patient is sent to the prescribers office.

Billing of plan P medications for patients without MSP

For patients without active MSP, the pharmacy cannot directly bill the cost of eligible palliative medications to PharmaCare. Instead, patients must pay out of pocket and then submit the receipts to PharmaCare for reimbursement.

Submitting a manual claim to PharmaCare for reimbursement

Receipt(s) can be either mailed or faxed along with a letter that includes the PHN and an explanation as to why they paid out of pocket (i.e. no active MSP). Claims are usually processed within 21 business days.

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