



## British Columbia Palliative Care Benefits

### What are British Columbia (BC) Palliative Care Benefits?

#### Two Components:

1. PharmaCare BC Palliative Care Drug Plan
2. Health Authority Palliative Care Medical Supplies and Equipment

#### BC Palliative Care Drug (Plan P)

- ❖ Plan P covers 100% of the eligible cost of **many** prescription and over-the-counter drugs.
- ❖ A [list of the medications covered by Plan P](#) is available.
- ❖ Two commonly prescribed palliative medications not covered by Plan P are **Ondansetron** and **Polyethylene glycol (PEG)**.
- ❖ Plan P does **not** cover medical marijuana, vitamins, or supplements.
- ❖ Drugs not covered under Plan P *may* be covered by patient's usual PharmaCare plan.
- ❖ Special authority Plan P coverage may be an option for medications not found in Plan P formulary.

#### Palliative Care Medical Supplies and Equipment Benefit

- ❖ Northern Health receives funding to oversee the Palliative Care Medical Supplies and Equipment Benefit.
- ❖ A [list of equipment that is covered under the BC Palliative Care Benefits](#) is available.
- ❖ Community Care offices can provide more information about palliative equipment available in each Northern Community.

**Note: Home oxygen is NOT covered by BC Palliative Care Benefits**

### How can you ensure your patient receives BC Palliative Benefits?

- ❖ The BC Palliative Care Benefit form must be faxed to Northern Health's Palliative Care Consultation team, the local community nursing office and Health Insurance BC (HIBC) to ensure the patient is registered.
- ❖ Forms and instructions can be found [here](#).