



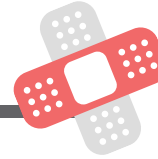
# WHAT IS FAIR PHARMACARE?

## THE FAIR PHARMACARE PLAN

Provides BC residents with coverage for eligible prescription drugs and designated medical supplies



## HOW PHARMACARE COVERAGE WORKS



- 1** To be covered by Fair Pharmacare you need to complete an application online or by phone.
- 2** The amount of coverage you receive will depend on your age and income. If you are receiving Income Assistance Benefits, you already have Pharmacare coverage.
- 3** Pharmacare has a deductible, which is the amount you pay before coverage begins. It is calculated based on your income from 2 years ago – so to be eligible for Fair Pharmacare, you must have filed taxes 2 years ago.
- 4** Newly arrived BC residents should apply for Pharmacare as soon as you receive your BC services card.
- 5** Pharmacare coverage is not retroactive, meaning you will not be paid back for medications you bought before your Pharmacare coverage started.
- 6** Not all medications are covered by Fair Pharmacare. Speak to a pharmacist to learn more about whether your medications are covered.
- 7** Drug coverage plans other than Fair Pharmacare exist for some groups, including people with First Nations status, those receiving psychiatric medications, people with cystic fibrosis, permanent residents of licensed residential care facilities, recipients of B.C. Income Assistance, children in the At Home program, and patients receiving palliative care at home under the BC Palliative Care Benefits Program.

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR PHARMACARE

- You only need to register once in your lifetime.
- Each adult in your household needs to register for Pharmacare individually.
- When you register, your assistance starts the same day, based on the income information you provide. Pharmacare will then send you a consent form.



### ONLINE

Go to the website: [gov.bc.ca](http://gov.bc.ca)

In the search window, type:

**“Pharmacare registration”**

Check online if you are already enrolled using the “check status” button under “Register”



### PHONE

Lower Mainland: 604-683-7151

Rest of BC: 1-800-663-7100

Monday to Friday 8:00 am–8:00 pm  
(except stat holidays)

Saturday 8:00 am–4:00 pm



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