

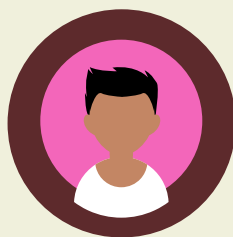
Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB)

- A federal public health benefits program for eligible First Nations and Inuit residents of Canada
- In BC, FNHA has facilitated the transition to PharmaCare Plan 'W' for First Nations clients
- Note: some First Nations and Inuit organizations have assumed administration (e.g., Akwesasne Band #159)

Client Eligibility



Eligible First Nations Clients
with specific client
identification number



Recognized Inuit Clients
with specific client
identification number



**< 12 Months Old with
Eligible Parent/Guardian**
Can be extended to 24 months*

Client Identification Number

For eligible First Nations clients, one of:

- Indian Act registration (status) number
- A number issued by NIHB (B-number)

For recognized Inuit clients, one of:

- Government of the Northwest Territories health plan number
- Government of Nunavut health plan number
- NIHB client identification number (N-number)

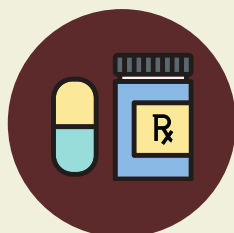
Children < 12 months may access under the identification number of their parent/guardian who is eligible
In this case, the first submission must be done manually using the NIHB Pharmacy Claim Form

*Contact NIHB regional office for a temporary client identification number for children 12 - 24 months

What does NIHB cover?

Clients of the NIHB program don't pay deductibles or co-payments for eligible prescriptions or for eligible OTC medications (Schedule U, II, III products) when recommended by the pharmacist with documentation

NIHB provides coverage for certain pharmacy health benefits in the following categories:



Rx Medications



OTC Medications



Medical Supplies



Medical Equipment



Drug Benefit List (DBL)

A listing of all drugs (prescription & OTC drugs) that are covered. The online, searchable formulary is available at <https://nihb.express-scripts.ca/dbl> and is updated daily. If an item isn't covered when billed electronically, call the NIHB Drug Exception Centre (DEC) at 1-800-580-0950 to request coverage.



Open Benefits

No established criteria or prior approval requirements



Limited Use Benefits

Drugs & criteria on drug benefit list. May be eligible for coverage if criteria met. Some require limited use drugs request form



Exception Drugs

Not listed in drug benefit list. May be approved in special circumstances with exception drugs request form

OTC Products Eligible for Reimbursement with Pharmacist Recommendation

NIHB provides full coverage for eligible OTC products (Schedule U, II, III) if recommended by a pharmacist in any province or territory regardless of common ailment prescribing authority.

Pharmacists are to document their recommendation for non-prescription medications (Schedule U, II, III) for conditions listed in the drug benefit list and submit their claim to NIHB (provinces and territories except BC).

- British Columbia: submit to PharmaCare Plan W 'Wellness'
- First Nations & Inuit organizations administering Pharmacy Claims Submission Kit 2019 (p.19-20)

Wholehealth Pharmacy
123 Pharmacy Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
1A2 B3C

PATIENT NAME *June 30, 2020*
DOB: (DD/MM/YYYY)
18-85 Citizen Ct
Markham ON L6G 1A8

Acetaminophen 325 mg
Take 1-2 tabs q4-6h prn
30 tablets

Pharmacist Name
Pharmacist #24351

The documentation related to claims submitted as a result of a pharmacist recommendation must have:

- Date
- Patient's Name, Address and DOB
- Drug Name and Quantity
- Drug Dosage
- Amount Recommended/Instructions for Use
- Pharmacist's Signature & ID Number

Pharmacy Reimbursement
The drug cost & the dispensing fee will be reimbursed by NIHB



NIHB OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM PHARMACY PROVIDER INFOGRAPHIC



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@WHOLEHEALTHPP

- A publicly funded federal health benefits program for eligible First Nations & Inuit residents of Canada
- Eligible clients receive full coverage for eligible OTC products (Schedule U, II, III) when recommended by a pharmacist with documentation (see page 2). See chart below for example of eligible items

OTC Products Eligible for Reimbursement with Pharmacist Recommendation

Medical Conditions	Examples of Eligible Treatments
Acne	Topical benzoyl peroxide products
Allergic Conjunctivitis	Ophthalmic products
Allergic Rhinitis	Antihistamine drugs, nasal corticosteroids, nasal solutions
Anaphylaxis	Epinephrine auto-injectors
Bacterial Conjunctivitis & Otitis Externa	Polymyxin B sulfate & gramicidin drops, bacitracin zinc
Constipation & Bowel Prep	Laxatives and cathartics
Contraceptives	Condoms, diaphragms & cervical caps, lactic acid contraceptive gels, spermicidal foam films & sponges
Diabetes Mellitus	Diabetic devices that do not require prior approval, glucose test strips that do not require prior approval
Emergency Contraception	Plan B
Fever in Children Age 11 & Under <small>*up to 1 standard pack size of a pediatric formulation may be dispensed at a time</small>	Ibuprofen oral liquid or chewable tablets; acetaminophen oral liquid or chewable tablets
Fever or Pain in Age 12 & Up	Acetaminophen products, non-steroidal anti-inflammatories
Fungal Infections of Skin & Mucosa, including vaginal candidiasis	Topical and vaginal anti-fungals (excluding ketoconazole shampoo), fluconazole 150 mg tablet/capsule as single dose
Lice	Pediculicides
Multivitamins in Age 19 & Under	Multivitamins
Prenatal Vitamins & Folic Acid	Multivitamins, folic acid 1 mg tablets
Risk of Opioid Overdose	Naloxone 0.4 mg/mL 1 mL injection & Naloxone 1 mg/mL, 1 or 2 mL injection, Naloxone injection kit, Naloxone nasal spray & kit
Smoking Cessation	Nicotine replacement products
Spacer Device <small>*patient must have received a MDI in past 6 months in order to be eligible</small>	Spacer devices (limit 2 spacer devices every 12 months)
Vitamin D Supplementation	Non-prescription vitamin D products
Warts	Salicylic acid wart treatments

*The above are examples. Refer to NIHB Drug Benefit List for full list of eligible treatments: <https://nihb.express-scripts.ca/dbl>

Pharmacy Operations: How to Participate

Contacts for Assistance:

Express Scripts Canada Provider Claims Processing Call Center: 1-888-511-4666



NIHB Pharmacy Billing Agreement

Create a web account to [enroll online](#) or download and complete the [Pharmacy Enrolment Package](#)



Fax Form to Express Scripts Canada

Fax: 1-855-622-0669
Include a copy of a VOID cheque
Unique provider number will be issued



Submit Claims Directly

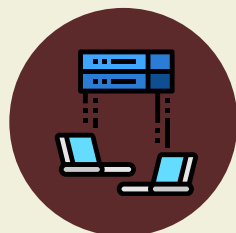
Can submit electronically or manually by faxing [Pharmacy Claims Form](#) to 1-888-249-6098

Create a Web Account to Enroll Online: <https://nihb.express-scripts.ca/NIHBProvider/enrol>

Enrolment Package: <https://nihb.express-scripts.ca/NIHBProvider/benefits/pharmacy?page=pharmacy-forms&benefit=pharmacy>

Claims Form: <https://nihb.express-scripts.ca/NIHBProvider/benefits/pharmacy?page=pharmacy-forms&benefit=pharmacy>

Pharmacy Operation: Additional Considerations



Coordination of Benefits

Submit claims to the patient's other private or public plans first (exception: OHIP+)



OHIP+ Program (Ontario)

Individuals < 25 years old can access coverage from either program but claims cannot be coordinated



Submit Claims up to 1 Year from Service Date

ESC will accept claims up to one year from date of service

View the Drug Benefit List online: <https://nihb.express-scripts.ca/dbl>

To find the Pharmacy Billing Agreement and other claims information, visit: <https://nihb.express-scripts.ca/NIHBProvider/benefits/pharmacy>

For more information on FNHA BC PharmaCare Plan W, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare-for-bc-residents/who-we-cover/first-nations-health-authority-clients>

NIHB Regional Offices: <https://canada.ca/nihb-contacts>, <https://canada.ca/ssna-contacts>

