



4.3.11 Newborn Genetic Screening - Specific Conditions - Access to Treatment for (PKU), Canada, 2012

Province	Formulas	Low-Protein Foods	Shipping (to patient)
NL	✓ only 2 formulas	✓ only staples - pasta, bread mix, pizza shells, cheese	✓
PE	✓		
NS	✓	✓ only staples - baking mix, pasta, cracker toasts, rusks	✓ if distant from clinic
NB	✓	✓ only staples - bread mix, flour, pasta	✓
QC	✓	✓ up to \$1,500/yr for Cambrooke Foods	✓ if distant from CLSC clinics
ON	✓	✓	✓
MB	✓	✓ up to \$120/mo age 0-12; up to \$250/mo age 13-18	✓ if distant from clinic
SK	✓	✓	✓ if distant from clinic
AB	✓	✓	
BC	✓		✓ if outside Lower Mainland

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The cost of PKU infant formula is covered under provincial health insurance in all provinces for everyone with a provincial health card. However, other aspects of treatment, such as specialty foods, are not universally covered across Canada, nor are shipping costs for formula/food. The specialty foods are substantially more expensive than regular food.

