

Primary Health Care Services for Children and Youth in Canada: Access, Quality and Structure

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Publicly-Funded Drug Programs That Provide Benefits to Children (current as of July 2014)

P/T	Program Name	Description
NL	The Foundation Plan	Available to individuals and families receiving income support benefits and children in the care of Child, Youth and Family Services or supervised care.
	The Access Plan	Available to low-income families; coverage depends on family status and income-level.
	The Assurance Plan	Provides coverage to individuals and families with financial burden of high drug costs; amount dependent on net income level.
	The Select Needs Plan	Provides coverage for disease specific medications, as well as medical supplies for Cystic Fibrosis or Growth Hormones.
PE	Catastrophic Cost Drug Program	Provides financial support for families with drug expenses; coverage dependent on household income.
	Children in Care Drug Program	Eligible for children in temporary or permanent custody of the Director of Child Welfare.
	Cystic Fibrosis Drug Program	Provides coverage for approved drugs.
	Diabetes Drug Program	Subsidization of the cost of approved diabetes medications [insulin products, oral diabetes medications, urine testing material and blood test strips (if insulin dependent)] by the program.
	Growth Hormone Drug Program	Eligibility includes persons who have a proven growth hormone deficiency or diagnosed with Turner's syndrome.
	Family Health Benefit Drug Program	Family Health Benefit Drug Program is for low-income families with at least one child under the age of 18 years, or with one full-time student under the age of 25 years; coverage depends on income level and number of dependents.
	Financial Assistance Drug Program	The Financial Assistance Drug Program provides coverage for families eligible for Social Assistance.
NS	High Cost Drug Program	Provides coverage for families with the burden of high drug costs, based on household income; available for certain conditions.
	Family Pharmacare Program	The Family Pharmacare Program is eligible to individuals and families without drug coverage, or if costs become a financial burden.
NB	Department of Community Services Pharmacare Benefits Program	The Department of Community Services Pharmacare Benefits Program is eligible to income assistance clients; persons with severe disabilities; children in the care of welfare through children services agencies; and low income children.
	Prescription Drug Program - Cystic Fibrosis (Plan B)	Available to individuals diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, juvenile or infant sclerosis of the pancreas.
	Prescription Drug Program - Human	Available to youth age 18 and under with growth hormone deficiency or hypopituitarism.

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	Growth Hormone Deficiency (Plan T)	
	Prescription Drug Program - Social Development Clients (Plan F)	Available to Social Development Clients (i.e. receiving social assistance).
	Prescription Drug Program - Children in Care of Minister of Social Development and Special Needs Children (Plan G)	Plan available to children in care of the Minister of Social Development and special needs children.
	<i>The New Brunswick Drug Plan - Phase 1</i>	<i>Starting May 1st 2014: The New Brunswick Drug Plan will be available to low-income families and to those with catastrophic drug costs.</i>
	<i>The New Brunswick Drug Plan- Phase 2</i>	<i>Starting April 1st 2015: All residents will be covered through the New Brunswick Drug Plan if they are not covered through third-party insurance.</i>
QC	The Public Prescription Drug Insurance Plan	The Public Prescription Drug Insurance Plan provides coverage to all residents without private plans, group insurance or employee benefit programs.
ON	Ontario Drug Benefit Program	Eligible for residents that are enrolled in the Trillium Drug Program and have high drug costs relative to their income; and to those receiving social assistance through Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program.
	Special Drugs Program	Covers the cost of drugs for serious conditions.
MB	Manitoba Pharmacare Program	Available to those whose income is affected by high prescription drug costs, and determined by total family income and drug costs.
SK	Children's Drug Plan	Available to all children age 14 and under. Parents pay \$20 per prescription for drugs listed under the Saskatchewan Formulary.
	Supplementary Health	
	Family Health Benefits Program	For low-income working families (determined by Ministry of Social Services), prescription drugs are covered under the Family Health Benefits programs.
	Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL)/ Special Benefits Program	Extended coverage to residents with specific disabling conditions.
	Special Support Program	Available to individuals and families that have high drug costs relative to their total household income.
AB	Non-Group Coverage	Available to residents (age < 65) and their dependents; premium-based coverage for costs of prescription drugs not covered through the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.
	Specialized High Cost Drug Program	Provides funding for high cost drugs required to treat eligible medical conditions, including cystic fibrosis or human growth hormones, and for specialized procedures.
	Child Health Benefit Plan	Coverage for families with low-income
BC	The Fair PharmaCare Plan	Available to low-income families; covers drug costs and medical supplies based on their net income.
	Recipients of B.C. Income Assistance (Plan C)	Available to families receiving medical benefits and income assistance through the Ministry of Social Development.
	Cystic Fibrosis (Plan D)	Coverage for approved drugs for individuals with cystic fibrosis.
	Children in the At Home Program (Plan F)	Coverage for drugs and medical supplies for children with severe disability.

YT	Children's Drug and Optical Program	Available to low-income families with children ages 0 to 18 that aren't eligible for private insurance.
	Chronic Disease Program	Coverage for residents with chronic conditions.
NT	Extended Health Benefits for Specified Disease Conditions	Coverage for residents with chronic conditions.
NU	NIHB Program	Available to eligible recipients, which includes those identified as registered Indian, Inuit, or infants of parents that meet criteria. Residents must be without third party insurance.
	Extended Health Benefits	Coverage for residents with chronic conditions. Residents must be without third party insurance.