

# Registering for Fair Pharmacare

Fair PharmaCare helps B.C. families pay for eligible prescription drugs, dispensing fees and some medical supplies. To register for Fair PharmaCare, families must have Medical Services Plan (MSP) coverage. **Fair PharmaCare is income-based; the less a family earns, the more help they get.**

## Who is eligible for Fair PharmaCare? What is a deductible?

All residents of B.C. are eligible for Fair PharmaCare coverage if they have Medical Services Plan (MSP) coverage and give PharmaCare permission to check their income with CRA.

Coverage is for families, not individuals. A family can be a single person, married or common-law couple, single person with dependent children, or couple with dependent children.

## What does Fair PharmaCare cover?

Fair PharmaCare covers:

- Eligible prescription drugs
- Some medical devices
- Eligible dispensing fees and some pharmacy services (such as medication reviews for persons prescribed five medications or more)

A family's deductible is the amount they need to spend each year on eligible costs before Fair PharmaCare starts to help with these costs. Once they reach their deductible, PharmaCare pays 70% of costs; 75% of costs for families with a member born before 1940.

Your deductible is based on your income reported to CRA (two years prior to assessment period).

You can estimate your deductible using the Fair PharmaCare estimator at <https://my.gov.bc.ca/fpcare/financial-calculator>

## How do I apply?

You can register online or by phone with Health insurance of British Columbia (HIBC).

## My financial situation has changed due to COVID-19. What do I do?

If your family net income has dropped by 10% or more in the past two years, you may qualify for assistance through a Fair PharmaCare Income Review. Contact Health Insurance of British Columbia (HIBC) if your financial situation has changed.

### Health Insurance of BC contact information

**Lower Mainland**  
604 683-7151

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1 800 663-7100

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