LEAVING CANADA TO OBTAIN MEDICAL SERVICES

If you are leaving Canada to obtain medical services, the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) will continue to cover the medical services provided outside the province. However, some items/services that may be a benefit in BC are not covered outside British Columbia. The Ministry of Health services provided outside Canada often cost more than the amount paid by the Ministry of Health. Sometimes the difference is substantial in addition, some items/services that may be a benefit in BC are not covered outside the province. The Ministry of Health does not subsidize fees charged for ambulance service outside British Columbia.

We advise you to purchase medical insurance to supplement your basic coverage before you leave the province. If your plan pays for more than the Ministry of Health, you may be eligible to claim back a portion of the difference. More information on eligibility can be found online at www.gov.bc.ca/leavingtemporarily.

Permanent Move From British Columbia

It is important to contact HIBC (by phone, mail or submit a Permanent Move Outside BC form online at www.gov.bc.ca/forms/mgsp/907a.html) with information about your date of departure, indicate the reason for cancellation, and provide your new address – otherwise, premium billing may continue. Failure to remit premiums does not constitute notification to cancel.

To submit claims, visit www.gov.bc.ca/travelassistance.

For fee information visit www.bcehs.ca/about/billing/fees

Legalisation

The legalisation process can take some time. Benefits for those who need to travel outside their community for physician referred non-emergency specialist medical care. For more information on legalisation, please contact your local Health Authority or phone HIBC (see General Contact Information section).

PRIVATE INSURANCE

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General Contact Information

To submit claims, visit www.gov.bc.ca/submitclaim

For information on laboratory services, visit www.gov.bc.ca/laboratory

For more information on eligibility or about your MSP account, and accept premium payments. Please contact our toll-free automated service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, visit www.gov.bc.ca/mspmikh

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

* Residents of British Columbia are eligible and are required to enroll themselves and their dependents with MSP.

Under the Medicare Protection Act, a resident is defined as:

- Is a citizen of Canada or is lawfully admitted to Canada makes his or her home in B.C., and
- The services of counsellors or psychologists;
- Eyeglasses, hearing aids, and other equipment
- Chiropractic, physiotherapy, naturopathy, massage
- Online at
- At a Service BC office – visit
- Medically-required services of a physician, or of a
- Maternity care by a midwife, physician or by a specialist
- Surgical podiatry.
- At least six months in a calendar year
- Marry or live and cohabit with another person
- A shorter prescribed period,
- Cosmetic surgery for the alteration of appearance;
- By phoning HIBC – see General Contact Information

Dependents must qualify as residents and they include

- on eligibility, visit:

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***Dental services are covered up to a per person limit of
may be deemed to be residents. For more information on eligibility, visit: www.hibc.gov.bc.ca/msp/eligibility

To enrol in MSP, you may

- Correspondence enrolment
- Application for Enrolment

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By phoning HBC – see General Contact Information Services

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Any excess cost is the beneficiary’s responsibility.

Most physicians in other Canadian provinces and territories (except Quebec and the Northwest Territories) charge their own medical plan directly for services provided to you if you present your valid BC Services Card. When travelling in Quebec or outside Canada, you should review your own plan details with your own health plan administrator. Reimbursement from other plans for services you receive outside Canada is the responsibility of the other health plan administrator.

**DEFINITIONS

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