

# PharmaCare Plan G bridge coverage

PharmaCare Plan G “bridge” coverage is short-term Plan G coverage.

It is available in urgent after-hours circumstances for up to 3 months.

Practitioners in these B.C. facilities can apply:

- Emergency departments (EDs)
- Rapid Access Addiction Clinics (RAACs)
- Urgent primary care centres (UPCCs)
- Correctional centres (provincial and federal)
- Public facilities offering substance use withdrawal management (WDM) services through health authorities

A client with Plan G bridge coverage should meet with a practitioner ASAP to apply for regular Plan G.

A practitioner may secure bridge Plan G as many times as needed for the same client.

Note that applications for Plan G bridge coverage are faxed directly to HIBC.

## What is Plan G

Plan G pays the full cost of:

- Opioid agonist treatment (OAT), and
- Many psychiatric medications

For Plan G coverage, clients must be:

- B.C. residents enrolled in MSP\*
- In clinical and financial need

Regular Plan G coverage is for 1 year. It is renewable.

Bridge coverage is **temporary** — for 3 months, or until regular Plan G coverage is in place.

\*Plan G coverage may be available exceptionally to new residents of B.C. who are not yet fully enrolled in MSP. Learn more at [gov.bc.ca/PlanG](http://gov.bc.ca/PlanG)

## How to apply for Plan G bridge coverage

Complete Sections A, B, and D of the [Plan G application](#). **Section D** is for bridge coverage.

- **Section A: Patient details** — patient signs (if unwilling or unable, see back of form)
- **Section B: Prescriber details** — prescriber signs
- [Section C is not needed for bridge coverage]
- **Section D: Prescriber or designate** — confirms client knows they should secure regular Plan G ASAP
- **Section E: Exceptional Plan G** — only if patient is not yet enrolled in MSP

**Fax the completed Plan G application directly to HIBC at 250-405-3896. Bridge coverage is immediate.**

**Questions?** Contact the Medical Practitioner Line 1-866-905-4912 (toll-free)

- Get the application: [www.gov.bc.ca/PlanG](http://www.gov.bc.ca/PlanG)
- OAT medications covered by Plan G: [www.gov.bc.ca/PharmaCarePINS#OAT](http://www.gov.bc.ca/PharmaCarePINS#OAT)
- Special Authority drugs covered by Plan G: [www.gov.bc.ca/SAdruglist](http://www.gov.bc.ca/SAdruglist) – search table with “Plan G”  
PharmaCare drug list: [www.pharmacareformularysearch.gov.bc.ca](http://www.pharmacareformularysearch.gov.bc.ca) – Search by plan or click drug DIN