

Fair PharmaCare Plan for New Residents of Canada

You must enrol in the Medical Services Plan before you register for the Fair PharmaCare Plan

- The Medical Services Plan (MSP) covers medical costs such as visits to the doctor and the hospital for people who live in British Columbia. When you enrol, MSP sends you a BC Services Card.
- You will need the Personal Health Number (PHN) on your BC Services Card to get medical services.

Learn more about MSP at www.gov.bc.ca/msp.

Once you receive your BC Services Card, register for Fair PharmaCare

- Fair PharmaCare covers most prescription drugs and some medical supplies.
- The Fair PharmaCare plan can reduce your costs depending on your family's income and the amount of money you spend on prescription drugs and medical supplies each year.
- It is free to register for Fair PharmaCare. You do not have to pay any premiums.

Please see the Fair PharmaCare [general information sheet](#) or visit www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare for more information about how the plan works.

How do I register?

- Online at www.gov.bc.ca/fairpharmacareregistration, or
- Phone Health Insurance BC. Health Insurance BC (HIBC) administers PharmaCare and the Medical Services Plan. HIBC Customer Service Agents are available Monday to Friday, 8 AM - 8 PM and Saturdays 8 AM - 4 PM.

From Vancouver & Lower Mainland call 604 683-7151, from the rest of B.C. call 1 800 663-7100

How do I report my income if I am a new resident?

- When you register for Fair PharmaCare, state your estimated net income from the previous year. If you are married, state your spouse's net income too. Be sure to include information about income earned in Canada and *outside Canada*.
- You will get **temporary coverage** right away based on the income information you stated.
- Our computer system will try to verify your income with the Canada Revenue Agency. If the Canada Revenue Agency cannot verify your income because you did not file an income tax return in Canada for that year, we will send you a letter.
- When you get the letter, phone Health Insurance BC at one of the numbers above. They will tell you about documents you can send in to verify your income.