

# BC PharmaCare

## Contraceptives

PharmaCare pays the full cost of many prescription contraceptives for any B.C. resident.

You do not have to register for coverage or fill out any forms. Simply present your prescription and BC Services Card at a pharmacy.

### Contraceptives covered by PharmaCare

- The pill (oral contraceptives)
- Hormonal IUD
- Copper IUD
- An injection
- An implant
- Morning-after pill (no prescription needed)



### How it works

#### 1. The prescription

You can get a prescription for a contraceptive from a doctor, nurse practitioner or midwife. Request a prescription that PharmaCare fully covers.

- If you have a prescription that is not covered by PharmaCare or is partially covered, ask a pharmacist if they can change it to an equivalent contraceptive that is free
- If you want to switch to a different type of contraception, for example from the pill to an intrauterine device (IUD), talk to a doctor, nurse practitioner, midwife or pharmacist
- You do not need a prescription for the morning-after pill. You can get them at most pharmacies. The pharmacist has to enter the product in the computer system for it to be free

#### 2. Present the prescription at the pharmacy

Present the prescription at any community pharmacy with your BC Services Card.

- If you are prescribed an IUD or implant, you will need to return to a doctor's office or clinic to have it inserted. Not all doctors or clinics do this

#### 3. Pay nothing

The pharmacist fills your prescription for free. The pharmacist may not charge you a fee for the dispense, assessment, or any other action associated with filling the prescription.

For details: [www.gov.bc.ca/contraceptives](http://www.gov.bc.ca/contraceptives)

### Questions?

Phone us Monday to Friday 8 am to 8 pm and Saturday 8 am to 4pm

- from the Lower Mainland: 604 683-7151
- from the rest of B.C., toll-free: 1 800 663-7100