

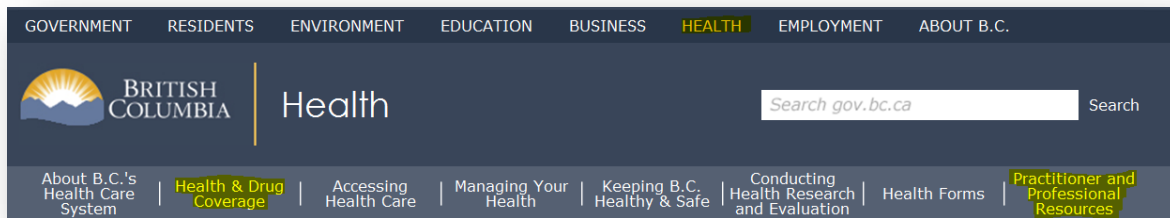


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THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WEBSITE IS CHANGING



On **April 1, 2015**, the Ministry of Health website will be converted to the B.C. Government's new **topic-based** format. With information grouped under topics rather than according to the organizational structure of the ministry, B.C. residents can more easily find related programs, services and resources. Over time, all B.C. government ministries will move to this topic-based approach.

Information for B.C. residents

Information the public needs about the Medical Services Plan and PharmaCare will be under **Health & Drug Coverage**.

Information for health care professionals

Information for physicians, pharmacists, medical device providers, health industry professionals and other professional groups will be housed under one topic heading, **Practitioner and Professional Resources**.

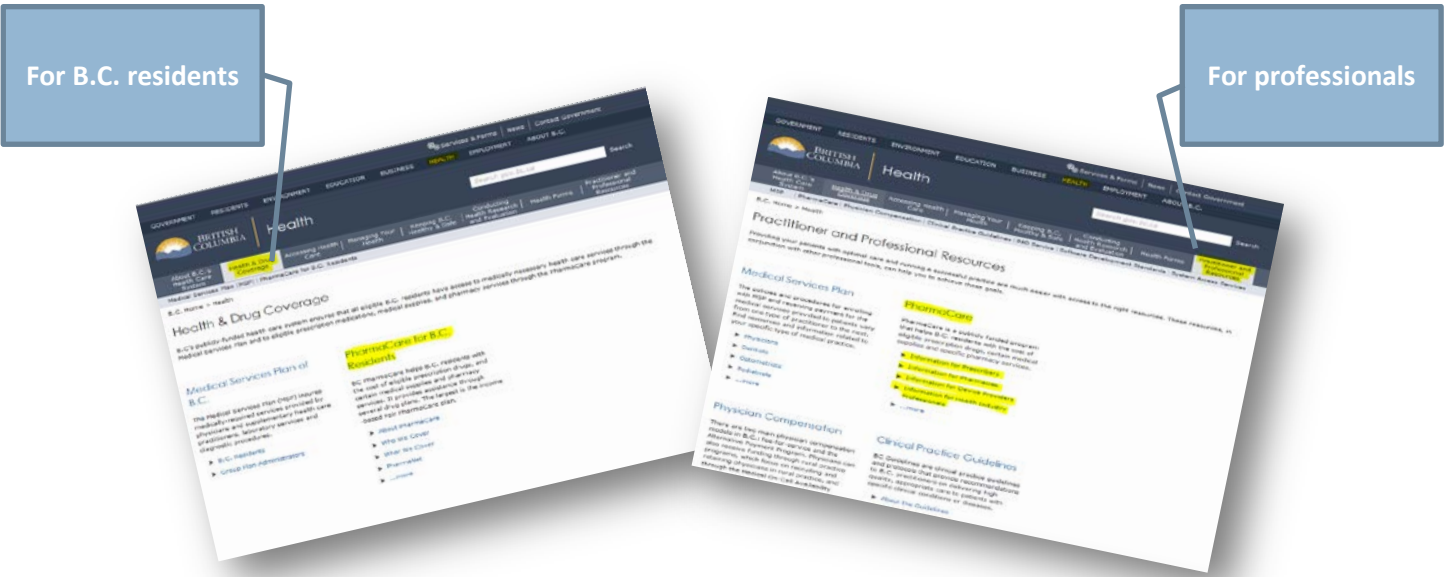
Under that topic, you will find the Medical Services Plan, PharmaCare, PharmaNet, and more. We retained the separate PharmaCare resource pages for physicians, for pharmacists, and for health industry professionals—and added a separate resource page for device providers—to help you find the information you need.

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The use of PharmaNet is not intended as a substitute for professional judgement.
Information on PharmaNet is not exhaustive and cannot be relied upon as complete.

The absence of a warning about a drug or drug combination is not an indication that the drug or drug combination is safe, appropriate or effective for any given patient.
Health care professionals should confirm information obtained from PharmaNet, and ensure no additional relevant information exists, before making patient care decisions.

WEBSITE CHANGES, CONTINUED



Do you have bookmarks or favourites for web pages you access regularly?

Many of these addresses will automatically take you to the new web page after the April 1 change. Remember to update your bookmark/favourite after that date.

Other PharmaCare web addresses will have “easy-to-remember” versions. **As of April 1**, use the following addresses:

PAGE	New URL
PharmaCare Home page (for the public)	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare
Fair PharmaCare Online Registration	www.gov.bc.ca/fairpharmacareregistration
Formulary Search	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacaredrugsearch
Blood Glucose Test Strip Quantity Limit Policy	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/bloodglucoseteststrips.html
Smoking Cessation Program	www.gov.bc.ca/bcsmokingcessation
Physician Resource Page	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacareprescribers
Pharmacy Resource Page	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacarepharmacists
Device Providers Resource page	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacaredeviceproviders
Health Industry Professionals Resource Page	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacarehealthcareprofessionals
PharmaCare Policy Manual home page	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacarepolicy
PharmaCare Newsletters	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacarenewsletter
LCA/RDP Files	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacarecostalternativeprogram
Drug Shortage Notification	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacaredrugshortage
Downloadable Drug Data Files	www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacaredrugdata

What to expect in the coming weeks

Over the next few weeks, we will be working to improve our online information by strengthening the site navigation, updating links within PDFs and converting some PDFs into web pages. We appreciate your patience as we work to deliver a site that will better serve you.