

BC PharmaCare

Palliative Care Benefits (Plan P)

B.C.'s Palliative Care Benefits program pays the full cost of eligible drugs, and medical supplies and equipment for people who have reached end of life and who wish to receive palliative care where they are living.

Eligibility

The program is for B.C. residents of any age who have reached the end stage of a life-threatening illness or condition, who wish to receive palliative care, and who live at home, with family or friends, in a supportive or assisted-living residence, or in a hospice unit of a care facility that is **not registered** with PharmaCare Plan B (Long-term Care) (ask the facility if they are registered with PharmaCare Plan B).

People covered by Health Canada's Non-Insured Health Benefits or by Veterans Affairs Canada can get coverage by Plan P for medications not covered by those programs. Canadian Forces members are not eligible because they are covered through their employer.

What is covered

1. [Eligible palliative care drugs](#)—prescription and non-prescription drugs used in palliative care.
2. Items such as IV, wound-care and incontinence supplies, bathing aids, mobility aids and hospital beds. A Home and Community Care team will assess your needs.

How to get palliative care benefits

Ask your physician or nurse practitioner if you are eligible. If you are, they can submit a [registration form](#). Within 24 hours of submitting the form:

- You can get palliative drugs at no cost at any pharmacy in B.C. A caregiver can go on your behalf
- The Home and Community Care team from your local health authority will contact you to arrange an in-home assessment to determine any equipment needs

For more information

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

For information about medical supplies and equipment, contact [your health authority's](#) Home and Community Care office or call 811.

Online resources

Palliative care drug list: www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/planp

Palliative care registration form: www.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/forms/349fil.pdf

Health authorities in B.C.: www.gov.bc.ca/healthauthorities