



Chronic disease and disability benefits

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The Chronic Disease and Disability Benefits program provides coverage for Yukon residents who have a chronic disease or disability and are under the age of 65. Your prescriber applies to the program for you. In the application, they will include your chronic condition and any needed medications or equipment.

Conditions covered

The program covers a range of chronic diseases and disabilities.

Chronic diseases are defined as:

- a health condition that is long-lasting, or frequently reoccurring and;
- specified in Schedule A of the Chronic Disease and Disability Benefits Regulation.

Examples include cancer, cardiac conditions, gastrointestinal conditions and mental health disorders.

Disabilities are defined as serious functional impairments.

Examples include:

- partial and complete paralysis;
- amputation;
- brain injury; and
- severe intellectual disabilities.

Sensory impairment is not covered, except in the case of significant hearing loss in a child under 16.

Items covered

Lowest cost alternative prescriptions

We base our benefits for prescription drugs on the lowest-priced interchangeable products available. Professional dispensing fees are covered.

Any purchases of items listed below should be pre-approved for funding before they are purchased.

Medical surgical supplies

- Body supports
- Prosthetic garments
- Ostomy supplies
- Syringes
- Diabetic supplies
- Oxygen and supplies
- Dressings

Medical equipment

- Respiratory equipment
- Manually operated hospital beds
- Free standing lifts
- Manually operated wheelchairs
- Electric wheelchairs
- Walking aids
- Grab bars, support rails, commodes,
- prostheses and orthoses.

Prostheses/orthotics

- artificial limbs
- synthetic orthopedic body parts
- body braces and other rigid supports

Purchases outside the Yukon

All purchases made outside the Yukon (but within Canada) should receive prior approval. These purchases are handled on a reimbursement basis only. You need to submit a claim within one year of the purchase.

How to apply

Your prescriber will apply on your behalf. In communities without a resident doctor, a community health nurse may complete the application.

Normally, the application is made before a purchase, but sometimes this isn't possible. To be reimbursed, you'll need to submit a claim within a year of the purchase. With your claim, you'll need to include:

- full documentation; and
- recommendation of a qualified, regulated health professional

If your application is approved, you'll still need to pay a \$250 deductible, or the first \$250 of eligible costs each year, to a maximum of \$500 per family.

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You won't receive benefits if:

- you're eligible for full benefits through private or group insurance, or you are a resident of a federal or territorial facility or institution.
- medical equipment can be borrowed from a hospital or the Canadian Red Cross.

Cost not covered at all include:

- the cost of installing or setting up medical equipment; and
- any other professional service charges related to the provision of goods, except dispensing fees for prescription drugs.

Drugs and supplies have a maximum of three months' supply of benefits at one time. Leaving the Yukon for an extended period will affect your eligibility for this program. If you're out of the territory for more than 183 days in a row, your eligibility will end the day you leave Yukon. Remember to purchase additional health insurance if you are leaving the Yukon.

You can remain eligible if you fulfill both these requirements:

- you will be away for 210 days or less; and
- you provide the Director with satisfactory proof that the Yukon is your only permanent residence.

For more information

Chronic Disease and Disability Benefits

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