



Senior Health benefits

Pharmacare and Extended Health

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The Pharmacare and Extended Health Benefits programs are for registered senior citizens. They are designed to help them with the cost of:

- prescription drugs;
- dental care;
- eye care; and
- medical-surgical supplies and equipment.

To qualify for these two programs you must be:

- a Yukon resident at least 65 years of age; or
- at least 60 years old and married to a living Yukon resident who is at least 65 years of age.

Eligibility

To be eligible for benefits you must be registered with the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan (YHCIP).

If you are already registered with YHCIP, an application form will be automatically sent to you the month you turn 65. You will get your new health care card once we receive and process the application form. It will take approximately three weeks for your card to arrive in the mail.

If you've only recently moved to the Yukon, you must first register for Yukon Health Care Insurance. You can fill in the application form for Pharmacare and Extended Benefits at the same time. Once you finish the process, you will get a Pharmacare card.

It takes three months for your Yukon Health Care Insurance coverage and seniors' benefits to begin.

IMPORTANT: The Pharmacare card shows you are eligible for insured physician, hospital, and seniors' benefits.

Benefits

Private Insurance Coverage: If you receive health insurance benefits through your employer or a third-party insurance agency, claims must be submitted to these insurers first. The Pharmacare Program is insurer of last resort. Payment is made on a reimbursement basis. It is an offense to seek full reimbursement from both plans.

Pharmacare: The program will pay for lowest-priced generic prescription drugs on the Yukon Pharmacare Formulary. It also covers the cost of dispensing the drugs.

Certain non-prescription drugs and goods are also covered by the program, such as:

- drugs used to control heart disease. This includes nitroglycerin preparations, digoxin and other digitalis related products;
- anti-inflammatory drugs; analgesics, used for the symptomatic relief of arthritic conditions; and
- insulin syringes.

Extended Health: Benefits include partial or 100% coverage of the following benefits:

- Surgical supplies and equipment: The plan may provide:
 - walking aids;
 - hand inhalers;
 - artificial eyes and limbs;
 - respiratory equipment;
 - commodes; and
 - manual wheelchairs.

- Hearing aids: One hearing aid or a replacement hearing aid is allowed in a four-year period. You can repair and adjust one hearing aid once every six months. Batteries are not covered.

Dental Care: you have coverage limited to \$1400 in any two-year period, running from April 1, to March 31. The plan may pay for dentures or rebases once in a five-year period. You may relines once every two years. This program is administered by Pacific Blue Cross.

You must know your own dental balance. You may contact our office to get this information. You will need to sign off on any prior approval of claims made on your behalf, such as services, cost, etc. Make sure the form is complete before signing.

Eye examinations and glasses: The plan may pay for one eye examination, new basic lenses (unifocal, bifocal or trifocal). It also covers up to \$100.00 for frames once every two years.

This benefit does not cover:

- the repair of glasses;
- contact lenses; or
- any add-ons such as tinting, glare coating, feather weight, etc.

Contact our office if you have any questions regarding the coverage of glasses.

If you purchase prescription drugs while out of the territory, you must pay yourself whether you have your card or not. Refunds may be paid upon your return to the Yukon if you provide your original pharmacy official prescription receipt. Receipts should be submitted within 1 year of the date of purchase.

Temporary Absence

If you will be away from the Yukon for more than three months, you should fill out a [Temporary Absence form](#) and submit it before leaving. This will ensure that your health care coverage remains in good standing while you're away. Forms are available at the Insured Health Services office. You can also phone 867-667-5209 or 1-800-661-0408 Ext. 5209. Forms can be found online at Yukon.ca/en/yukon-health-care-insurance-plan-temporary-absence

Restrictions?

Yukon Pharmacare does not cover the cost of non-prescription products. These include vitamins, personal care items, laxatives, antacids and most medicines used in the treatment of colds. Medical equipment and supplies require prior approval.

Beneficiaries under these programs lose eligibility on the day of their departure. This happens if they have been away from the Yukon for more than 183 consecutive days. (This may be extended to 210 days with prior approval from the Director).

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