

Northwest Territories

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Prescription Drugs

Seniors Program: Prescription Drug Benefits are available at the age of 60 through the “Extended Health Benefits for Seniors Program. Resident must be non-native or Metis and apply for the program. This program provides 100% coverage for eligible prescription drug products as defined in *Health Canada’s Non-Insured Health Benefit (NIHB) Drug Benefit List*, when the drug is prescribed by a recognized health care professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist. For drugs not covered under this list, a health care professional or pharmacist may submit a request to Alberta Blue Cross for prior authorization through the Extended Health Benefits program. Coverage is administered through ABC.

Specified Disease Conditions Program:The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) sponsors the Extended Health Benefits program to provide non-Native and Métis residents of the Northwest Territories who have specific disease conditions with certain benefits not covered by hospital and medical care insurance. This program provides coverage for eligible prescription drugs, medical supplies and equipment and is administered by Alberta Blue Cross. This program provides 100 % coverage for eligible prescription drug products, as defined in *Health Canada’s NIHB Drug Benefit List*, when the drug is prescribed by a health care professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist. Requests for prescribed drugs that are not on the eligible list may be submitted to Alberta Blue Cross for prior authorization. The list of specified conditions can be found at www.hss.gov.nt.ca/health/nwt-health-care-plan/extended-health-benefits-specified-disease-conditions

Métis Health Benefits Program:The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) sponsors the *Métis Health Benefits* program to provide registered Indigenous Métis residents of the Northwest Territories access to a range of benefits not covered by hospital and medical care insurance.

	<p>Included in this program, coverage is provided for eligible prescription drugs as well as dental services, vision care, medical supplies and equipment, etc. Eligible residents must apply for this program.</p> <p>Alberta Blue Cross administers the program with coverage at 100% for benefits listed in the NIHB formulary.</p> <p>ALL programs are considered payor of last resort.</p>
Lab & Diagnostic Tests	The NWT Health Care Plan covers the cost of medically necessary laboratory, X-ray and diagnostic procedures, and interpretation if provided at a hospital on an inpatient or outpatient basis.
Accommodation	Standard Ward coverage. Hospital charges above the standard ward rate for private or semi-private accommodation is not covered.
Ambulance	Not covered except for inter-hospital transfers.
Eye Examinations	Coverage for eye examination, treatment and operations provided by an ophthalmologist.
Intraocular Lens (IOL)	Standard hard/rigid as well as soft/foldable IOL's are covered once per lifetime per eye.
Dental	No coverage for Dental services other than specific procedures related to jaw injury or disease.
Hearing Aids	<p>Some coverage through the GNWT Extended Health Benefits (EHB) for Seniors Program to provide non-Native and Metis residents of the NWT who are 60 years of age. Similar coverage for through EHB for Specified Disease Conditions. Indigenous Metis residents of the NWT also have a program to cover hearing aids.</p> <p>These programs will pay reasonable and customary charges for medically necessary supplies and equipment provided in Canada for Audiology equipment. Most equipment requires prior approval in order for the product to be considered for coverage by the program.</p>
Nursing & Home Care	Based on medical need as assessed by NWT Health and Social Services for residents with a valid NWT Health Care Card. Services include foot care, home intravenous therapy, home support, nursing, nutrition services, palliative care, rehabilitation and respite care.
Physiotherapy	When provided by an insured facility.

Chiropractic	Not covered.
Podiatry	Not covered.
Other Paramedicals	Occupation therapy and radiotherapy treatment when provided by an insured facility.
Medical Supplies	The NWT Health Care plan does not provide coverage for extended health benefits like medical supplies. Residents may be eligible through the Government of the NWT Seniors Program, Specified Disease Conditions Program and Metis Health Benefit Program or the NIHB program.
Travel	When travelling elsewhere in Canada, your NWT Health Care Card covers you for medically necessary services provided by a doctor or in a hospital but does not cover all expenses such as ambulance or medevac.

NOTES: Green Shield Canada updates this information once per year, but Provincial Health Ministries update as required. This is intended as a general overview. For detailed information, contact the appropriate provincial Ministry of Health. GSC is not responsible for the accuracy of this information. It is to be used as a guideline only.
