

Residents of Nunavut can access coverage for prescription drugs through 2 different plans:

1) Extended Health Benefits (EHB) - The Department of Health offers Extended Health Benefits to eligible Nunavummiut who need additional health care services that are not covered by the Nunavut Health Care Plan.

Eligibility is for those registered under the Nunavut Health Care Plan and one of the following:

- a non-beneficiary 65 years or older
- a non-beneficiary Nunavut resident with a chronic disease or illness per defined list of diseases
- any Nunavut resident who has used up or does not have other health care insurance options

Eligibility determine coverage under one of the five EHB plans:

1. The Full Coverage Plan is for people who have a chronic illness EHB will pay the full cost of approved prescription drugs listed in the NIHB formulary.
2. The Additional Assistance Plan is for people who have other insurance coverage EHB will pay the cost of prescription drugs not covered by their other insurance plan, usually 20 per cent. If a prescription drug is not covered at all, EHB will pay the full cost of the prescription drug once pre-approved. A copy of the letter from the other insurance plan declining payment for the drug is required
3. The Seniors Full Coverage Plan for those > 65 with no private insurance of their own or through their spouse.
4. The Seniors Additional Assistance Plan is for senior citizens over the age of 65 who do have other insurance coverage. Coverage is the same as the 'Additional Assistance Plan' above.
5. EHB Medical Travel Options Plan is for people with used up any private plan not falling into any of the above.

2) Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) is a Federal Government health plan providing non-insured health services including coverage for prescription drugs, over-the-counter medication, medical supplies and equipment, short-term crisis counselling, dental care, vision care, and medical transportation. To be eligible for NIHB a person must be a resident of Canada and one of the following:

- An Inuk recognized by one of the Inuit Land Claim organizations
- A registered Indian according to the Indian Act
- An infant less than one year of age, whose parent is an eligible recipient

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| | <p>Coverage for all plans is for drugs listed on the Non-Insured Health Benefits Formulary list found at the link below:</p> <p>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/nihb-ssna/benefit-prestation/drug-med/index-eng.php</p> <p>Drugs not included in the NIHB Drug Benefit List may be covered under exceptional circumstances.</p> <p><i>Provincial plan is payer of last resort.</i></p> |
| Lab & Diagnostic Tests | The Nunavut Health Care Plan covers the cost of certain hospital services provided while in the hospital or receiving services on an outpatient basis. These include laboratory, x-ray and diagnostic procedures and interpretation. |
| Accommodation | Standard Ward coverage. |
| 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>To be eligible for the Extended Health Benefits (EHB) plan for Seniors you need to be enrolled with the Nunavut Health Care Plan and be a non-beneficiary 65 year or older with no other insurance plan. EHB will pay the full cost of one set of hearing aids every five years if they are prescribed by an audiologist.</p> <p>NIHB clients get 100% coverage every 5 years.</p> |
| Nursing & Home Care | The Home and Community Care (HCC) program provides health care and support services, based on assessment. The HCC program provides a variety of services, including homemaking, personal care, nursing care, respite care and rehabilitation. |
| Physiotherapy | When provided by an insured facility. |

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| Chiropractic | Not covered. |
| Podiatry | Not covered. |
| Other Paramedicals | Radiotherapy treatment and occupational therapy when provided by an insured facility. |
| Medical Supplies | The Department of Health offers Extended Health Benefits (EHB) to eligible Nunavummiut who need additional health care services that are not covered by the Nunavut Health Care Plan. Coverage varies based on eligibility for medical supplies and medical equipment bought through approved service providers and vendors for specified disease conditions and for those over 65 years of age and older. |
| Travel | <p>The Department of Health offers medical travel benefits to insured residents have access to medical services that are not available in their home community. Nunavummiut not eligible for assistance under any other source of funding can apply for medical travel assistance with the Government of Nunavut. The Nunavut Health Care Plan will pay your airfare less a \$250.00 round trip deductible from your home community to the nearest centre where treatment is available.</p> <p>Covers most hospital and medical care in Canada by a reciprocal billing arrangement. Provides only limited coverage for emergency medical care from approved general hospitals outside Canada.</p> |

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.