

Nova Scotia	www.novascotia.ca
<p>Prescription Drugs</p>	<p>Nova Scotia provides assistance to eligible residents through various programs with the cost of drugs and devices listed as benefits in the Nova Scotia Formulary.</p> <p>Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs:</p> <p>Seniors' Pharmacare Program: The Seniors' Pharmacare Program pays for drugs and devices which are indicated as benefits in the Nova Scotia Formulary. To be eligible for benefits under the Program, an individual must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a permanent resident of Nova Scotia, • Be age sixty-five (65) years and over, • Have a valid Nova Scotia Health Card, and • Not have prescription drug coverage under any other plan or program. <p>Seniors contribute to the Seniors' Pharmacare Program in two ways – by paying a premium based on income and the # of months remaining in the benefit year: April 1st to March 31st and by paying a copayment of 30% of the total cost of each prescription. Both have an annual maximum and in some cases exceptions apply. For more information, please see the Seniors' Pharmacare Program – Information Booklet. Someone with private or other public drug coverage cannot join this program</p> <p>Family Pharmacare Program: The Nova Scotia Family Pharmacare Program is a provincial drug insurance plan designed to help Nova Scotians with the cost of their prescription drugs. The Program offers protection against drug costs for families who have no drug coverage or if the cost of the prescription drugs becomes a financial burden to them. The Program is available to all Nova Scotians with a valid Nova Scotia Health Card. Covered benefits are per the Nova Scotia Formulary. There is no premium join the Family Pharmacare Program. All beneficiaries will be required to pay a part of the cost of certain prescription drugs and devices covered under the Program. The Program has annual family copayment and deductible maximums that are set depending on a family's size and annual income. Benefit year: April 1st to March 31st.</p> <p>Drug Assistance for Cancer Patients: The program is designed to assist low-income Nova Scotians who do not have drug coverage and have been diagnosed with cancer. The program pays for drug benefits in the Nova Scotia Formulary. Benefits include chemotherapeutic agents, pain medications, antiemetic agents, and laxatives for use with chronic opioid therapy. Some medications are considered exception status drugs and require a prescriber's request for approval. Covered patients do not pay for their drugs.</p>

	<p>Palliative Home Care Drug Program: The program covers the full cost of drugs intended for use in end of life care at home. The list of drugs covered under the Program is based on the pan-Canadian Gold Standards for Palliative Care.</p> <p><u>Department of Community Services Pharmacare</u> This program provides prescription drug coverage to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Assistance clients (which includes Extended Pharmacare and Transitional Pharmacare clients) • Services for Persons with Disabilities clients • Children in the care of child welfare through either a district office of the Department of Community Services or a Children's Aid Society/Family and Children's Services agency • Low Income Pharmacare for Children clients <p>Pharmacare pays for drugs and supplies listed as benefits in the Nova Scotia Formulary.</p> <p><i>All Nova Scotia Pharmacare programs are the payer of last resort.</i></p>
Lab & Diagnostic Tests	In-patient only.
Accommodation	Standard ward no charge. Daily room charge for Semi-private is \$80 - \$145 and \$110 - \$165 for private.(not legislated)
Ambulance	<p>For medically essential transports, with a valid Nova Scotia Health Card, from place of residence or scene to an approved health facility, a service fee of \$146.55 is charged. No charge for inter-facility transportation for residents with a valid health card. There is a fee to transport to the hospital from an approved long term care and residential care facilities of \$54.50 per trip.</p> <p>There are addition fees for Canadians who are not residents of Nova Scotia, Non- Canadians and those who are defined as third party insured (for example – motor vehicle accident, Worker’s Compensation or the Federal Government)</p>
Eye Examinations	One exam every 24 months for ages 9 and under and 65 and over.
Intraocular Lens (IOL)	Standard hard/rigid lens covered once per lifetime per eye.
Dental	For children aged 13 and under, coverage once per year for fillings, 2 x-rays, 1 examination, 1 cleaning or OHI and nutritional counseling. Also, one time only sealant on first permanent molars. Some surgical procedures (for example – surgical removal of impacted teeth, oral and maxillary facial surgery) when performed in hospital for all others.

Hearing Aids	There is no hearing aid coverage available through the Nova Scotia Department of Health.
Nursing & Home Care	Home care services include home support, nursing care and home oxygen. Services provided for all ages based on medical need and user fees can be charged based on income and household size.
Physiotherapy	When performed in a hospital.
Chiropractic	Not covered.
Podiatry	Not covered.
Other Paramedicals	Not covered.
Medical Supplies	Limited coverage for prosthetics, oxygen and colostomy supplies and other assistive devices based on family income and eligible criteria.
Travel	Covers most accredited public hospital and physician care in Canada by a reciprocal billing arrangement. Provides only limited coverage for emergency medical care from approved general hospitals outside Canada. No coverage for outpatient services.
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.	