

Prince Edward Island	www.healthpei.ca
Prescription Drugs	<p>PEI Pharmacare helps Islanders with the cost of prescription medication, certain medical supplies, and pharmacy services. Residents may be eligible to receive either partial or full coverage through one of the drug cost assistance programs</p> <p><u>Province is always payer of last resort.</u></p> <p><u>Seniors Drug Program:</u> Residents are automatically eligible & enrolled at age 65. Seniors pay the first \$8.25 in medication cost & plus \$7.69 of the pharmacy professional fee. Coverage is per the PEI Pharmacare Formulary.</p> <p><u>Family Health Benefit Program:</u> supports low-income families by helping to cover the cost of approved prescription medications for families with children under the age of 18, or under the age of 25 if a child is a registered full time student. Assistance is based on family size and household income. While the program will cover the full cost of medication, participants must pay the pharmacy dispensing fee. Must apply every year before coverage expires to maintain coverage which ends Sept. 30 every year</p> <p><u>Generic Drug Program</u> is for Islanders under the age of 65 who do <i>not</i> have insurance. The program is designed to limit out-of-pocket costs for eligible generic prescription drugs to a maximum cost of \$19.95.</p> <p><u>Catastrophic Drug Program:</u> Provides support to any individual whose prescription drug costs are affecting their household's ability to maintain other life essentials. The annual out-of-pocket costs for eligible prescription medications will be capped at an amount <i>not</i> to exceed a set percentage of the household income. All costs of eligible medications are covered by the program after the household cap amount has been reached. Eligible medications are listed on the PEI Pharmacare Formulary. Benefit year is July 1 to June 30 of the following year.</p> <p><u>Prince Edward Island offers a number of disease specific drug programs</u> listed but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIDS/HIV Program • Community Mental Health Program • Cystic Fibrosis Program • Diabetes Program • Erythropoietin Program • Growth Hormone Program • Hepatitis Program

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Cost Drug Program helps pay for approved medications of certain illnesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ankylosing Spondylitis; • Cancer; • Crohn's Disease; • Multiple Sclerosis; • Plaque Psoriasis; • Pulmonary Hypertension; • Psoriatic Arthritis; • Rheumatoid Arthritis; and • Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration • Meningitis Program (treatment of) • Quit Smoking Drug Program • Sexually Transmitted Disease Drug Program • Transplant Anti-Rejection Program • Tuberculosis Program
Lab & Diagnostic Tests	Covered when done in a hospital or accredited facility.
Accommodation	Coverage for standard ward rooms only.
Ambulance	PEI residents under 65 years of age pay \$150.00 user fee per trip for all land transfers. No user fee for residents for medically necessary air ambulance transport from PEI to referral hospitals. No coverage for air ambulance while out of the province.
Eye Examinations	Not covered.
Intraocular Lens (IOL)	Standard hard/rigid IOL's are covered once per lifetime per eye. The soft/foldable lens is paid in the amount of \$75 and the balance is out of pocket.
Dental	There is a provincial program that for an annual fee and a per service co-payment, children aged 3 to 17, are covered for most basic services, including annual examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride, sealants and OHI. Fillings, extractions and root canals on front teeth and limited orthodontic treatment using removable appliances are also covered. For all others, some oral surgery procedures are covered when performed by an oral surgeon and medically required that they be performed in a hospital.
Hearing Aids	The Audiology Services department of Health PEI provides hearing services to all islanders. This includes hearing assessment for children and adults,

	hearing aids for clients up to age 21 , auditory processing disorder testing, and healthy hearing education.
Nursing & Home Care	Insured home care is available for those in need, as determined by a support worker or physician.
Physiotherapy	When prescribed by a physician and performed in a hospital.
Chiropractic	Not covered.
Podiatry	Not covered.
Other Paramedicals	Not covered.
Medical Supplies	Not covered.
Travel	If you are traveling within Canada, your PEI Health Card will cover you for emergency or sudden illness health care services. Emergency out-of-country treatment expenses are reimbursed at PEI's physician and hospital rates in Canadian funds.
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.	