

What is covered?

<p>Prescription Drugs</p> <p>Over-the-Counter drugs</p>	<p>Diagnostic services like examinations or x-rays;</p> <p>Preventive services like cleanings;</p> <p>Restorative services like fillings;</p> <p>Endodontics such as root canal treatments;</p> <p>Periodontics or the treatment of gums;</p> <p>Prosthodontics including removable dentures;</p> <p>Oral surgery including the removal of teeth;</p> <p>Orthodontics to correct irregularities in teeth and jaws;</p> <p>Adjunctive services, which include additional services like sedation.</p>	<p>General Eye and Vision Exams</p> <p>Specific and Follow-up Eye Exams (May be approved for unique medical conditions on a case-by-case basis.)</p> <p>First pair of eyeglasses (Lenses and frames up to a maximum amount determined by the Health Canada regional office.)</p> <p>Eyeglasses Replacement and Repairs Every 24 months* for a person 18 years old and over (<i>*Early replacements may be covered within the 24 month period if there is a significant change in vision. Please contact your regional office for more information.</i>) Every 12 months for a person younger than 18 years old.</p> <p>In the case of breakage, damage or loss, written justification and appropriate written proof, such as an accident report, is needed for the consideration of a replacement eyeglasses request.</p> <p>Replacement coverage as a result of misuse, carelessness or client neglect will not be considered.</p>	<p>Hearing aids and supplies</p> <p>Medical Equipment (e.g. wheelchairs, walkers)</p> <p>Medical Supplies (e.g. bandages, dressings, ostomy)</p> <p>Orthotics and custom-made footwear</p> <p>Pressure garments and pressure orthotics</p> <p>Prosthetics (artificial limbs)</p> <p>Oxygen Therapy Respiratory Therapy</p>	<p>Please contact your local Health Centre or your Health Canada regional office for more detailed information on Health Canada's medical transportation benefit.</p> <p>Medical transportation benefits may be provided to help with travel costs to the nearest appropriate health professional or health facility to receive eligible medically necessary health services that are not available in your home community</p>	<p>When there is a crisis or at-risk situation and there is no other source of immediate funds for services.</p> <p>An initial assessment by a professional mental health therapist in order to develop a treatment plan (maximum two hours).</p> <p>Mental health short-term crisis treatment and referral services by a NIHB recognized mental health professional.</p>
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What is NOT Covered?

Alternative therapies (e.g. glucosamine and evening primrose oil)	Cosmetic services (veneers, bleaching)	Additional carrying cases for glasses or contact lenses	Assistive listening devices (excluding eligible hearing aids)	Travel and related benefits (e.g. meals and accommodation, ambulance) where they are the responsibility of another party or provided as an insured service.	Any assessment service that is not considered to be a mental health crisis (e.g. fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, learning disabilities, and child custody and access)
Anti-obesity drugs	Extensive rehabilitation	Two pairs of glasses, except in the situations listed under "bifocal lenses"	Assistive speech devices (e.g. keyboard speech systems, speech enhancers)		
Cosmetics	Halstrom appliances (sleep apnea)	Bifocal contact lenses	Cochlear implants	Compassionate travel (e.g. family visits unless prior approval has been obtained as a part of the treatment plan at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility).	Court-ordered assessment/therapy services to clients
Cough preparations containing codeine	Implants Ridge augmentation (for denture fitting)	Cleaning kit	Custom-made mask for ventilation	Travel for clients in the care of a federal, provincial or territorial institution (e.g. incarcerated clients).	Early Intervention Programs (for infants with delayed development)
Darvon® and 642® (propoxyphene)		Esthetic products	Electric/myoelectric limb prosthetics		Educational and vocational counselling
Drugs with investigational/experimental status		Shampoo (e.g. "no more tears" type shampoo solution)	Exercise devices (e.g. for use in therapeutic treatments)	Court-ordered treatment/assessment, or as a condition of parole, coordinated by the justice system.	Group counselling
Fertility agents and impotence drugs		Vision exams required for a job, a driver's license or to engage in a sports activity	Experimental equipment		Life skills training
Hair growth stimulants		Vision exams at the request of a 3rd party (e.g. completing a report or medical certificate)	Foot products manufactured only from laser or optical scanning or computerized gait and pressure analysis systems		Long-term counselling/non-crisis counselling
Household products (e.g. soap and shampoos)		Any vision items for esthetic purposes	Permanently fixed equipment (e.g. grab bars and ceiling lifts)		Psychiatric Services
Megavitamins		Contact lens solution	Hospital beds and mattresses	Travel for clients residing off-reserve in a location where the necessary health service is available locally.	Psychoanalysis When another program or agency is responsible for providing the service
Certain narcotic analgesics (e.g. Butalbital)		Industrial safety frames or lenses for sports or professional use	Implants		
Select over-the-counter products		Sunglasses with no prescription	Items for cosmetic purposes	Travel for the purpose of a third-party requested medical examination.	
Vaccinations		Progressive or trifocal lenses	Items used exclusively for sports, work or education		
		Photocromic/photocromatic lenses	Incentive spirometer		
		Replacements or repairs as a result of misuse, carelessness or negligence	Orthopaedic footwear (off the shelf)	The return trip home in cases of an illness while away from home other than for approved travel to access medically necessary health	
		Implants (e.g. punctual occlusion procedure)	Part of a surgical procedure		
			Providing oxygen		

Refractive laser surgery	for indications which do not meet the medical criteria of the NIHB Program (e.g. angina and pain relief from migraines)	services. Travel only to pick up new or repeat prescriptions, or vision care products.
Treatments with investigational/experimental status Vision training	Respiratory equipment for in-patients of an institution	Payment of professional fee(s) for preparation of doctor's note/document preparation to support provision of benefits.
	Scooters	
	Short-term compression stockings/garments (e.g. post-operative: surgical stripping, sclerotherapy, and edema conditions) Temporary prosthetics required as part of a surgical procedure	Transportation to an adult day care, respite care and/or safe house.