



BC PALLIATIVE CARE BENEFITS PROGRAM APPLICATION
PHARMACARE BC PALLIATIVE CARE DRUG PROGRAM
AND HEALTH AUTHORITY PALLIATIVE CARE MEDICAL SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

Physician's office, please fax this application to:

- Health Insurance BC (HIBC) at (250) 405-3587* and
Home and Community Care office of your local health authority.

* Please do not use any other fax number as doing so may delay processing.

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APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print)

Form with fields for: LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME, PERSONAL HEALTH NUMBER (PHN), DATE OF BIRTH, GENDER, MAILING ADDRESS, CITY, PROVINCE, POSTAL CODE, APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE, TELEPHONE NUMBER, DATE, and Legal Representative information.

CERTIFICATION BY PHYSICIAN - to be completed by physician

Form with fields for: PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS, OTHER DIAGNOSIS, SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN, REFERRED TO LOCAL HOME CARE?, NAME & MAILING ADDRESS, APPLICATION DATE, PRESCRIBER'S TELEPHONE #, PRESCRIBER'S COLLEGE ID #, and PRESCRIBER'S FAX #.

Personal information on this form is collected for the operations of the BC Palliative Care Benefits Program, Ministry of Health Services. The personal information will be used to enroll the applicant as a beneficiary of and to initiate coverage under the Program.

This information will be used and disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

BC Palliative Care Benefits Program

This program assists eligible patients with:

- drug costs (through the PharmaCare BC Palliative Care Drug Program).
- necessary medical supplies and equipment (through the local health authority).

Physicians – Please fax this application to both Health Insurance BC (for PharmaCare coverage) and the local health authority.

Who is eligible for the program?

Any BC resident who is:

- currently enrolled with the Medical Services Plan of British Columbia, and
- who wishes to receive palliative care at home*, and
- whose physician certifies that they meet the medical criteria (specified in the Physician’s Guide).

PharmaCare BC Palliative Care Drug Program

Once an application is accepted, PharmaCare will cover 100% of the eligible cost of prescribed medications and selected over-the-counter medications as listed in the PharmaCare Palliative Care Drug Program formulary.

For the over-the-counter medications included in the formulary, the physician must write a prescription in order for the patient to receive coverage. Medications not included in the formulary may be covered under the patient’s usual PharmaCare plan rules (e.g., Fair PharmaCare).

Please note: “Eligible costs” include the cost of the drug (up to a maximum recognized by PharmaCare) and the dispensing fee (up to a maximum recognized by PharmaCare). If a pharmacy charges more than the PharmaCare maximum price or dispensing fee, the patient may still be required to pay for a portion of the prescription.

Medical Supplies and Equipment (through the local health authority)

When the health authority has processed the application, a home care nurse or nurse will assess the medical supply and equipment needs as arranged with the health authority and physician’s office.

When will coverage begin?

Drug coverage begins as soon as PharmaCare processes the application. Applications are normally processed within 12 hours. Coverage of medical supplies and equipment begins as soon as the home and community care office of the local health authority completes an assessment of the patient’s needs.

Enquiries?

BC Palliative Care Drug Program	Health Authority - Medical Supplies & Equipment
Please contact Health Insurance BC (HIBC) at: Vancouver/Lower Mainland (604) 683-7151 Elsewhere in BC toll-free. 1-800-663-7100	Please contact the home and community care office of the local health authority. Contact numbers for each health authority service delivery area are available in the Palliative Care Benefits Program Physician Guide or through the Ministry of Health Services Information Line: Victoria (250) 952-1742 Elsewhere in BC toll-free. 1-800-465-4911

*For the purposes of this program, “home” is defined as wherever the patient is living, whether in their own home or with family or friends, or in a supportive living residence or hospice that is not a licensed long-term care facility covered under PharmaCare Plan B.