

Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program (NLPDP)

<u>ACCESS PLAN</u>	<u>ASSURANCE PLAN</u>
<p>This plan provides prescription drug coverage to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single individuals with a total net income of \$27,151 or less. • Couples with a total net income of \$30,009 or less. • Families (including single parents) with a total net income of \$42,870 or less. <p>Qualifying applicants will be responsible for a co-payment between 20% and 70% of total prescription costs, depending on their income levels.</p>	<p>This plan provides prescription drug coverage to individuals/families where drug costs exceed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5% of net income for those who earn below \$40,000. • 7.5% of net income for those who earn from \$40,000 to under \$75,000. • 10% of net income for those who earn from \$75,000 to under \$150,000. <p>Qualifying applicants will be responsible for a co-payment depending on their income levels and drug costs.</p>
<p>PLEASE NOTE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is automatic eligibility for specified DENTAL SERVICES for individuals/families who qualify for the Access Plan. 2. Effective Wednesday, March 6, 2013 coverage for services under the Adult Dental Program requires prior approval. Approvals are issued on an individual client basis. 3. Effective Monday April 1, 2013 annual per client caps are in place. <p style="text-align: center;">Dental services are administered under the Newfoundland & Labrador Dental Health Plan</p>	

SECTION A FAMILY STATUS AND DRUG COSTS

1. What is your family status? (Please refer to Section C for the definition of “dependent children”)
 - Single
 - Couple - with no dependent children
 - Family - with dependent children (includes single parent families)
 2. Are you applying for coverage under the **Access Plan** ? Yes No
 3. Are you applying for coverage under the **Assurance Plan** ? Yes No
- If yes, please indicate your Yearly Total Family Drug Costs: \$ _____

To support your application under the Assurance Plan , you must attach either a pharmacy printout or a statement from your insurance company showing your yearly total family drug costs. If you are not already purchasing the drugs prescribed for you, alternate information is required – please refer to information sheet.

SECTION B PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print)

APPLICANT										SPOUSE (if applicable)									
Surname										Surname									
First Name					Initial					First Name					Initial				
MCP Number										MCP Number									
Date of Birth (yyyy – mm – dd)										Date of Birth (yyyy – mm – dd)									
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female										Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female									

MAILING ADDRESS

Street / P.O. Box			Building/Apartment Number				
City/Town		Province		Postal Code		Phone Number	

Access Plan

To apply for The Access Plan, you must complete an application form. You may also call 1-888-859-3535 and ask that an application be mailed to you.

In order to process an application, the Department requires:

- A completed application form.
- The individual's/family's net income as reported on line 236 minus line 117 of their income tax return.
- All adults in a family must file a Revenue Canada tax return for the previous tax year (to allow for income assessment for the plan).
- Consent of all adult applicants (located at the bottom of the application)

Access Plan Eligibility

The Department of Health and Community Services re-evaluates financial entitlement annually, using the most recent Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) information. This process is completed by June 30 of each calendar year with updated plan coverage commencing August 1. Recipients are required to have CRA taxation records updated annually to comply with the re-registration procedures. New co-pays established for plan recipients are effective August 1 to July 31 each year.

To be eligible for the Access Plan a person must:

- Be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Be eligible for and in receipt of a Medical Care Plan (MCP) card.
- Fall within specific income thresholds.
- Have in cases where there are 2 applicants (married, family unit) valid tax returns for both adults on the application to verify total household income

Assurance Plan

To apply for The Assurance Plan, you must complete an application form. You may also call 1-888-859-3535 and ask that an application be mailed to you. In order to process an application, the Department will require:

- the individual's/family's net income as reported on line 236 of their income tax return, requiring both applicant and spouse to have a valid current year CRA tax return
- a print out of all prescription drugs purchased in past year as obtained from a pharmacy provider. In the case of expensive drugs for which the individual/family could not afford to purchase, a letter from physician indicating the diagnosis and the need for the drug will be required.
- signature of consent located at the bottom of the application.
- The Department of Health requires that both adults in a family file Revenue Canada tax return in the previous tax year in order for the individuals in the family to be assessed for coverage

Assurance Plan Eligibility

The Department of Health and Community Services re-evaluates financial entitlement annually and re-evaluates drug costs every 6 months.

To be eligible for The Assurance Plan a person must:

- Be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Be eligible for and in receipt of a Medical Care Plan (MCP) card.
- Have high drug costs in relation to income.
- Have an annual income less than \$150,000 as verified by Canada Revenue Agency (Line 236 Income Tax return).
- Have in cases where there are 2 applicants (married, family unit) valid tax returns for both adults on the application to verify total household income

Prescription Drug Program (NLPDP) Frequently Asked Questions

1. What if I have private insurance?

If you have private insurance, you may still be eligible for the NLPDP. In this case, you are required to bill your private insurance first.

2. What drugs are covered by the NLPDP?

The program covers a variety of drugs that require a prescription, plus a small number of other over-the-counter items that do not legally require a prescription. However, these products must be prescribed to be covered under NLPDP programs.

In addition, some drugs are covered under special authorization, meaning that certain medical criteria must be met. These require written requests by the prescriber which are then assessed by the Department of Health and Community Services.

3. Does the program cover other medical expenses (e.g. eyeglasses)?

No. This program is only for coverage of eligible prescription drugs and a limited number of over-the-counter drugs.

4. How do I get my drug card?

If eligible, you will receive a drug card for you and each eligible member of your family in the mail. This card must be presented to your pharmacist with the prescription for the individual named on the card every time a prescription is filled.

5. Who is eligible?

To be assessed for [eligibility for any of the drug plans](#), you must be a Canadian resident residing in Newfoundland and Labrador and must meet the criteria for one of the plans under the program.