

Quick steps

If your patient is in your office and you are running late, the following steps may help you manage medication affordability in a timely efficient manner:

Ask all of your patients if they struggle to afford their prescription medication.

If they answer yes:

- Advise them to sign up for Fair PharmaCare
- Review medications for possible generic alternatives
- Give them the PATIENT INFOGRAPHIC on the VCH website and invite them to make a future appointment to go over it with you

Patients can register by phone, online, or by submitting a form downloaded from Fair PharmaCare's website.



For information on Fair PharmaCare:

- Call 604-683-7151 or 1-800-663-7100 (outside the Lower Mainland)
- Google *Fair PharmaCare*

Visit the VCH website for more information:



Resources for providers:

For information on BC PharmaCare, scan the QR code.



Contact Pharmaceutical companies to ask about patient assistance programs.

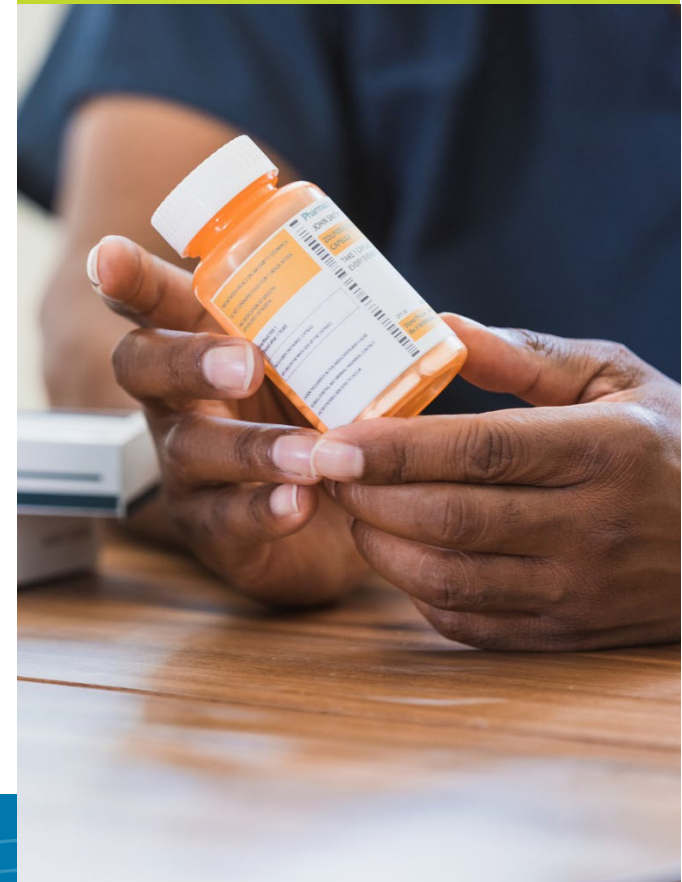
For prices of medication, including information on deductibles visit: Drugsearch.ca.

For dispensing fees and costs at local pharmacies, scan the QR code:



Can your patients afford the medicine you prescribe?

It's an important question to ask. Resources are available to assist with these costs.



PharmaCare: Help your patients afford their medication

You want to give your patients the best care possible. Start by making sure they are aware of the BC government's Fair PharmaCare Plan.

Fair PharmaCare

Fair PharmaCare is an income based plan that helps BC families pay for eligible prescription drugs, dispensing fees, and some medical supplies.

To register for Fair PharmaCare, families must have Medical Services Plan coverage.

What do patients need to register?

- Their Personal Health Number
- The PHN and birth dates for each member of their immediate family
- For help getting ID:
 - Licensing Office or call 604-660-2355 or 604-660-2421
- Their Social Insurance Number
- Their spouse's SIN (if applicable)
- Their and their spouses income from their tax returns from two years ago



Has your patient's income changed?

Patients who have had a loss in their income may feel they have to choose between putting food on the table and affording their medications.

Fair PharmaCare can do income reevaluations for patients whose income has been affected.

For information on Fair PharmaCare Income Review. Scan the QR code below:



For patients who need help with their taxes:

There are free tax clinics that can help. Use the QR code or ask your patient to Google *Free tax clinic*.



Plan W

Indigenous patients disproportionately struggle to afford their medication. Plan W is designed to meet the unique needs of B.C. First Nations.

Plan W covers 100 percent of:

- Eligible prescription costs
- Certain medical supplies
- Certain over-the-counter drugs
- Some natural health products
- Pharmacy services

Patients are eligible for coverage under the Plan W if they:

- Have active Medical Services Plan (MSP) coverage. To enroll in MSP, contact the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA).
- Are a registered Indian under the Indian Act, or are a child under 2 years who has at least one parent who is a registered Indian under the Indian Act

Ask patients to contact FNHA to enroll in MSP or if they have questions about coverage.

Call Toll-Free: 1-855-550-5454

Email: HealthBenefits@fnha.ca

Web: www.fnha.ca/benefits