

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS® PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIES (GNWT) PHARMACY REFERENCE GUIDE FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

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The GNWT sponsors the following extended health benefits programs for eligible residents of the Northwest Territories: Métis Health Benefits (Group 19866), Extended Health Benefits for Specified Disease Conditions (Group 21992) and Extended Health Benefits for Seniors (Group 60). Alberta Blue Cross administers benefits for these programs on behalf of the GNWT.

Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE)

The program will pay reasonable and customary charges for medically necessary supplies and equipment provided in Canada as defined by the [Non-Insured Health Benefit \(NIHB\) Medical Supplies and Equipment Guide and Benefit Lists](#).

To make a claim for many of these products, clients require a prescription or written order from a recognized health care professional.

Prior approval

MSE listed as requiring prior approval on the NIHB formularies require the client to meet specific criteria for coverage. To receive benefits in this category, prior approval must be obtained from Alberta Blue Cross.

The prior approval form for pharmacists for MSE can be [found here](#).

The completed form should be faxed to Alberta Blue Cross at 1-855-498-3546.

MSE prior approval requests must include the appropriate pseudo-Product Identification Numbers (PINs). The PINs for MSE benefits for GNWT can be [found here](#).

Claiming for GNWT programs

Real-time claim submission

Products listed within the [NIHB Medical Supplies and Equipment Guide and Benefit Lists](#) that are available for direct bill through the Alberta Blue Cross PrideRT system are:

- medical surgical equipment and supplies,
- self-care equipment and supplies, and
- MSE listed in the table below.

| Category | Item description | Item PIN |
|-------------------------|---|----------|
| Mobility | Crutch, tips (ice picks) | 99400345 |
| | Crutch, hand grips | 99400343 |
| | Crutch, tips (rubber) | 99400346 |
| | Crutch, pads | 99400344 |
| Limb and body orthotics | Wrist hand, off-the-shelf, left | 99400140 |
| | Wrist hand, off-the-shelf, right | 99400142 |
| | Maternity belt | 99400933 |
| Pressure devices | Compression sleeve 20-30, 30-40 mmHg | 99400822 |
| | Compression sleeve 40 mmHg and up | 99400821 |
| | Compression stocking, hose, 20-30/30-40 mmHg, pair | 99401150 |
| | Compression stocking, hose, 40 mmHg+, pair | 99401151 |
| | Compression stocking, knee, 20-30/30-40 mmHg, pair | 99401148 |
| | Compression stocking, knee, 40 mmHg+, pair | 99401149 |
| | Compression stocking, thigh, 20-30/30-40 mmHg, pair | 99401146 |
| | Compression stocking, thigh, 40 mmHg+, pair | 99401147 |
| | Compression glove 20-30/30-40 mmHg | 99400804 |
| | Hi-sustained compression bandage 35 mmHg, reusable, left | 99400805 |
| | Hi-sustained compression bandage 35 mmHg, reusable, right | 99400841 |
| | Hi-sustained compression bandage 35 mmHg, single use, left | 99400839 |
| | Hi-sustained compression bandage 35 mmHg, single use, right | 99400840 |
| | Stocking, custom, 20-40 mmHg, pair | 99401328 |
| | Stocking, custom, 40 mmHg+, pair | 99401329 |
| | Delivery pressure devices | 99401263 |

| Category | Item description | Item PIN |
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| Audiology | Batteries, hearing aid, left | 99400259 |
| | Batteries, hearing aid, right | 99400643 |

Manual claims submission

For MSE, which cannot be submitted in real-time, claims may be submitted by faxing or mailing the original invoice(s) and the following information to Alberta Blue Cross:

- a copy of the approved prior approval form (when a prior approval is required)
- Northwest Territories (NWT) health care plan number
- patient name
- date of service
- benefit code
- benefit description
- quantity
- claimed amount

MSE claim submission

Fax: 1-888-441-2606 (toll free)

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Coordination of benefits

In addition to benefits sponsored by the GNWT, the client may also have coverage for medical supplies and equipment benefits through another supplementary health benefit plan.

In such cases, all GNWT program benefits are considered **payor of last resort**.



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