

How to Access PharmaCare's Special Authority Program for Prescription Drugs

One of the most meaningful things you can do to control cost and ensure the sustainability of your benefits plan is to access PharmaCare's Special Authority program for prescription drugs.



Here's how:

Step 1

Talk to your doctor. He/she will ask if you are registered for PharmaCare:

- If you are NOT registered, go to Step 2
- If you are registered, go to Step 3

Step 2

Register for PharmaCare online at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare or by phone at 604 683-7151 (toll-free 1 800 663-7100), Monday to Friday 8 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Step 3

Your doctor applies to PharmaCare for Special Authority on your behalf. Most doctor's offices will have the forms. If not, they are available online at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare. All forms must be completed by a licensed physician* and faxed to the number indicated on the form.

Step 4

PharmaCare notifies your doctor of their decision in writing. You can request a copy of this decision document from your doctor or from PharmaCare directly. You may be asked to submit it to Pacific Blue Cross along with future related claims.

Step 5

Fill your prescription. If your application was approved, PharmaCare will cover all or a portion of your drug cost (once your PharmaCare deductible has been satisfied) for the duration of time indicated on the decision document. Follow your standard claiming procedure with Pacific Blue Cross.

*Some doctors have automatic Special Authority privileges and are not required to submit a form.