



Pharmaceutical Services Division, B.C. Ministry of Health Services

# Fair PharmaCare Plan

## — for New Residents

**You must enrol in the Medical Services Plan before you can register for the Fair PharmaCare plan.**

- i** The Medical Services Plan (MSP) provides coverage for medical costs such as visits to the doctor and hospital costs for all residents of British Columbia. When you enrol, MSP sends you a CareCard.
- i** You will need the Personal Health Number (PHN) on the CareCard to get medical services.

**Once you receive your CareCard, you can register for Fair PharmaCare.**

- i** Fair PharmaCare covers most prescription drugs and some medical supplies.
- i** The Fair PharmaCare plan can reduce your costs depending on your family's income and the amount of money you spend on prescription drugs and medical supplies each year.
- i** It is free to register for Fair PharmaCare and there are no premiums.

**Please see the Fair PharmaCare plan information sheet or visit our website for more information about how the plan works.**

**How can I register?**

- ✓ Online using the Fair PharmaCare Web Registration, or
- ✓ By phone by contacting Health Insurance BC.

**Health Insurance BC can answer your questions about the Medical Services Plan and the Fair PharmaCare plan. See the contact information on page 2.**

## How do I report my income if I am a new resident?

- When you register for Fair PharmaCare, give your estimated net income information from the previous year. If you have a spouse you must also provide his or her net income.

For example, if you are registering in 2010, provide your net income for 2009.

- Provide information about the income earned in Canada and outside of Canada.

By registering using your estimated net income, you receive **temporary coverage** right away based on that net income.

- Our computer system will try to verify your income with the Canada Revenue Agency. If the Canada Revenue Agency cannot verify your income because you did not file an income tax return in Canada for that year, we will send you a letter.
- When you get the letter, contact Health Insurance BC at one of the telephone numbers below. They will tell you about documents you can send in to verify your income.

## Contact Health Insurance BC

- Health Insurance BC administers PharmaCare and the Medical Services Plan for the Ministry of Health Services.
- Health Insurance BC can answer your questions about both the Medical Services Plan and Fair PharmaCare.

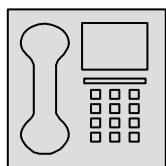


### By computer:

For information about the Medical Services Plan, go to:  
[www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp)

For information about the Fair PharmaCare plan or other PharmaCare plans go to: [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare)

To register for the Fair PharmaCare plan go to:  
<https://pharmacare.moh.hnet.bc.ca>



### By telephone:

From Vancouver and the Lower Mainland: **604-683-7151**

From the rest of B.C., toll free: **1-800-663-7100**

Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM, and Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM.