

Ostomy Subsidy Program

Government has a Program under which eligible senior citizens may be subsidized with the cost of certain ostomy supplies. The highlights of the Program are as follows:

Eligibility

The Ostomy Subsidy Program benefits are available to those senior citizens who qualify for a drug card under the Senior Citizens' Drug Subsidy Plan. In order to qualify for a Senior Citizens' Drug Subsidy Plan card, a person must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of the Province, in receipt of the Old Age Security and a full or partial Guaranteed Income Supplement. Basically, any person holding a green identification card under the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program is entitled to the benefits of the Ostomy Subsidy Program.

Seniors Without a Drug Card

If you are 65 years of age or older, a resident of the Province, and in receipt of the Old Age Security, but you are not receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (G.I.S.), you may inquire about the supplement by contacting Income Security Programs at the address given below. If you become eligible for the G.I.S., a senior citizens' drug subsidy card will be automatically issued to you.

Human Resources Development Canada
Income Security Programs
P.O. Box 9430
St. John's, NL
A1A 2Y5
Toll free # 1-800-277-9914

Residents of the Province 65 years of age and over who, with limited residency in Canada, have not qualified for Old Age Security, may apply for the benefits of the Senior Citizens' Drug Subsidy Plan by requesting a special application form from:

Pharmaceutical Services Division
Department of Health and Community Services
Confederation Building - West Block
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL
A1B 4J6
Tel: (709) 729-6507

Amount of Subsidy

Government will reimburse eligible senior citizens for 75% of the retail cost of items that are benefits. Eligible seniors are responsible for the remaining costs.

Covered Benefits

Not all ostomy supplies are covered as benefits. Ostomy items that are covered as benefits are as follows:

1. Skin Barriers
2. Adhesive Disks and Gaskets
3. Powders, Cleansers and Deodorants
4. All Colostomy, Iliostomy and Urinary Pouches
5. Night Drainage Kits
6. Irrigation Equipment

Reimbursement Procedure

7. Please write your senior citizens' drug subsidy plan (green card) identification number on the receipt or the letter attached to your receipt. Please send your complete mailing address with your receipts.
8. Please send with your first receipts a note from your doctor or a nurse coordinator with the Newfoundland Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation certifying you require benefits of this Program.
9. Please enclose an itemized receipt from the supplier that clearly details each ostomy item and product number supplied and its cost.
10. Receipts may be forwarded for reimbursement to the following address:

Ostomy Subsidy Program
Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program
P.O. Box 8070, Postal Station A
St. John's, NL
A1B 4A6

Information on the Program

If you require general information or have questions concerning claims or benefits, please contact:

Ostomy Subsidy Program	Telephone: (709) 753-3615
Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program.	Toll Free: 1-888-724-7760
P.O. Box 8070, Postal Station A	Fax: (709) 739-2929
St. John's, NL	
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If you have questions and comments about the policies of the program, please contact:

Pharmaceutical Services Division	Telephone: (709) 729-6507
Department of Health and Community Services	Toll Free: 1-888-222-0533
Confederation Building - West Block	Fax: (709) 729-2851
P.O. Box 8700	
St. John's, NL	
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