

## NON INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (NIHB)

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Part I COVERAGE PROVISIONS	
Eligibility	<p>The Non-Insured Health Benefits Program provides medically necessary health-related goods and services, not covered by other federal, provincial, territorial or third-party health insurance plans, to eligible registered First Nations and recognized Inuit. These benefits complement provincial/territorial insured health care programs and include drugs, medical transportation, dental care, eye and vision care, medical supplies and equipment, short-term crisis intervention mental health counselling, and British Columbia health care premiums, where applicable.</p> <p>Those eligible for NIHB must be identified as a resident of Canada and one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a registered Indian according to the <i>Indian Act</i>; or</li> <li>• an Inuk recognized by one of the Inuit Land Claim organizations – Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Makivik Corporation. For an Inuk residing outside of their land claim settlement area, a letter of recognition from one of the Inuit land claim organizations and a birth certificate are required; or</li> <li>• an infant less than one (1) year of age, whose parent is an eligible client; and</li> <li>• Is currently registered or eligible for registration, under a provincial or territorial health insurance plan; and</li> <li>• Is not otherwise covered under a separate agreement (e.g. a self-government agreement) with federal, provincial or territorial government.</li> </ul>
Emergency assistance	n/a
Drug Benefit List, status of diabetes drugs	<p>Listed: acarbose (Prandase) / gliclazide (Diamicron)/ glyburide (Diabeta) / Glucagon / insulins (regular, NPH, regular-NPH combination, lente) / insulin aspart (Novo Rapid), insulin lispro (Humalog and in combination) / metformin (Glucophage) / nateglinide (Starlix) / repaglinide (Gluconorm) / tolbutamide /insulin glargine (Lantus)</p> <p>➤ Restricted: pioglitazone (Actos) / rosiglitazone (Avandia)</p> <p>➤ Not listed: chlorpropamide / glimepiride (Amaryl) / hypurin porcine insulin / insulin detemir (Levemir) / insulin aspart mixed (NovoMix 30) / rosiglitazone maleate &amp; metformin HCl (Avandamet)</p> <p>The NIHB Program will consider reimbursement for a higher-cost interchangeable product when a patient has experienced an adverse reaction with a lower-cost alternative (commonly known as a generic drug).</p>

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<b>Part 2 ACCESS TO MEDICATION AND SUPPLIES</b>		
<p>(✓) indicates access is available, subject to income, age, or other provisions or restrictions listed in Part I.</p> <p>(✗) indicates access is not available.</p> <p>(* ) indicates special circumstances. See Comment column.</p>		
	Full benefit for eligible recipients	Comment
<b>Prescription medication</b>		
• Insulin	✓	
• Oral agents	✓	
<b>Testing supplies</b>		
• Lancets	✓	
• Test strips (BG)	✓	
• Test strips (Ketone)	✓	
<b>Insulin delivery</b>		
• Pen needles	✓	
• Pumps (supplies)	*	* Exception status: reviewed on a case by case basis
• Syringes	✓	