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OCTOBER 1, 2017 CHANGES TO FNHA COVERAGE

ON OCTOBER 1, 2017, THE FNHA WILL JOIN BC PHARMACARE, BECOMING PART OF THE PROVINCIAL DRUG BENEFITS INSURANCE PROGRAM.

FNHA has provided clients with information on these changes at <http://www.fnha.ca/benefits/pharmacare-transition>

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT THE COVERAGE WITH YOUR CINUP PLAN?

Just like today, all drug claims are submitted electronically by your pharmacist and eligible claims are adjudicated according to PharmaCare policies and will follow PharmaCare rules. FNHA through PharmaCare will be first payor. If the claim is not paid by FNHA, it can be submitted electronically by your pharmacist to your CINUP benefit program for adjudication and payment, if eligible.

DO PLAN MEMBERS NEED TO DO ANYTHING TO OBTAIN FNHA COVERAGE WITH BC PHARMACARE?

Plan Members only need to provide their status card or BC Services Card (or CareCard) to access the drug benefits under the PharmaCare program. Plan Members will also need to provide their CINUP Drug Card to pharmacists for adjudication of drugs not covered under the PharmaCare program.

WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGES TO THE COVERAGE OFFERED BY FNHA USING THE BC PHARMACARE FORMULARY?

FNHA has indicated that most patients will continue to be eligible for the medications they need, however a small percentage will have to adjust drug therapies with the switch to the PharmaCare Formulary. FNHA has identified drugs that will be impacted by the change and has advised health care providers, pharmacists and patients to discuss alternate brands or treatments where appropriate.

FNHA clients who currently have Special Authorization for a drug through NIHB will be given transitional Special Authorization coverage under PharmaCare. Going forward, any FNHA clients requiring a new Special Authority will be required to follow the PharmaCare process to obtain a special authorization or approval for “No Substitution” prescriptions.

CAN PRESCRIPTIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER FNHA BE FILLED OUTSIDE OF BC?

BC Pharmacare is a provincial program and cannot cover prescriptions purchased outside of the province. If you are travelling outside of BC you can “top up” your prescription to the maximum days’ supply PharmaCare covers. You can use this early top-up option every 6 months. If you are travelling outside of BC for an extended period of time, you may need to use an out of province pharmacy and be reimbursed upon your return to BC. FNHA is developing this reimbursement process.



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