

PROVINCE	NAME OF PLAN	CAN THE UNINSURED GENERAL PUBLIC JOIN IN?	WHAT'S NOTABLE	SOCIAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS
BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fair Pharmacare www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/pharmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, but they must pay 30% of the drug's cost, plus a 2-3% deductible. Those making >\$30,000 a year could spend up to 4% of their net income before the maximum contribution kicks in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new scheme makes income, not age, the deciding factor for how much coverage one receives. There's a clause that lets people born before 1940 keep their current plan which has a lower maximum contribution ceiling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full coverage
ALBERTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Health and Wellness supplementary health plans (administered by Alberta Blue Cross) www.health.gov.ab.ca/ahcip/prescription	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, but everyone except seniors and Social Assistance recipients must pay a quarterly premium which ranges from \$61.50-\$123. Plus there is a co-payment of 30% for each script. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There's no annual maximum contribution, except for Social Assistance recipients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. They pay \$2 per script up to a maximum of \$72 a year.
SASKATCHEWAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Saskatchewan Drug Plan www.health.gov.sk.ca/ps_drug_plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not for high income earners but the 'working poor' who qualify for Family Health Benefits can opt in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It requires beneficiaries to pay a premium which varies depending on age and income. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. They pay \$2 per script with no annual maximum.
MANITOBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manitoba Pharmacare Program www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, with three deductible categories: households with annual incomes of <\$15,000, those earning >\$15,000 and Social Assistance recipients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deductible is equal to the maximum annual contribution. The plan would be most useful to those with catastrophic drug expenses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. Full coverage.
ONTARIO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario Drug Benefit www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/program/drugs/drugs_mn.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, for families who have hefty drug tabs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There's no premium but the deductible is relatively high, but after paying it co-payments are low (between \$2.00-\$6.11). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. \$2 per script, a fee which pharmacies may choose to waive.
QUEBEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Prescription Drug Insurance Plan www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/citoyens/assurancemedicaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absolutely, everyone is compelled to opt in if you don't have private drug coverage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally, the most comprehensive public plan and the most complicated — it's the only plan that entails premiums, deductibles and co-payments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. Full coverage.
NEW BRUNSWICK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Brunswick Prescription Drug Program www.gnb.ca/0212/intro-e.asp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only seniors and Social Assistance recipients. But change could be afoot. The premier's 2004-2008 health plan states: "Savings from non-clinical efficiencies directed to new catastrophic drug program." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There's a rather nasty gap in coverage for seniors who have an income above \$17,198 — they must pay a premium of \$58 a month, plus a co-pay of \$15 per script. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. \$4 per script for those over 18 years of age, those younger pay half. The annual maximum is \$250 per family.
NOVA SCOTIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nova Scotia Pharmacare www.gov.ns.ca/health/pharmacare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There's no coverage for the non-senior general public, apart from Social Assistance recipients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All seniors pay between \$3 and \$30 per script in co-payments. Wealthier seniors also must pay a premium relative to their income. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. \$5 per script with no annual maximum.
PEI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEI Drug Cost Assistance Formulary www.gov.pe.ca/infopei/index.php3?number=45156	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apart from seniors, families on low incomes are eligible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regardless of income, all seniors pay \$10 per script plus a 'professional fee' between \$4 and \$8. There is no maximum annual contribution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full coverage, but recipients need to go to the provincial pharmacy.
NEWFOUNDLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program (NLPDP) www.gov.nl.ca/health/nlpdp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only seniors who receive Guaranteed Income Supplements and non-seniors on Social Assistance are eligible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the only provincial plan that does not offer coverage to a segment of the senior citizenry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. Full coverage.