

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