NIHB NEWSLETTER



MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT (MS&E) PROVIDERS

Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program



NEW INFORMATION

Client Reimbursement for MS&E Items

Providers are advised to inform NIHB clients that if an item is paid for up-front by the client, reimbursement will only be approved if the item is an eligible benefit and if the client meets NIHB coverage criteria for the item.

If these conditions are not met, the client will not be approved for reimbursement. Providers should contact their local Health Canada Regional Office to verify client eligibility for a specific MS&E item.

Note: When the cost of a MS&E item is fully covered through a public/private health care plan and NIHB clients are eligible for coverage through this plan, the NIHB Program will not approve requests for co-payment to upgrade the item. Client reimbursement will not be provided in these circumstances if the client chooses to pay out-of-pocket for the upgrade.

New MS&E Fillable Claim Forms

For easy and convenient claims submission, fillable claim forms will be available on the provider website on April 1, 2016. (www.provider.express-scripts.ca/documents/Medical Supplies and Equipment/Forms/English/NIHB MSE Claim Form.pdf). Please download and use the updated forms when submitting manual claims.

Provider Guide for Medical Supplies and Equipment

The Provider Guide for Medical Supplies and Equipment (MS&E) will be published in the Spring 2016 to reflect current NIHB Program policies.

REMINDERS

MS&E Change of Ownership or New Registrations

When changing ownership of MS&E retail services or registering/re-registering a new retail store, providers need to advise Express Scripts Canada immediately. A new Express Scripts Canada Medical Supplies and Equipment Provider Agreement must be completed, including the effective date. Please include the reason for the new agreement (i.e. change of ownership, new opening/registration or NIHB re-registration) on a cover sheet when sending to Express Scripts Canada.

A copy of the Agreement can be downloaded from https://www.provider.express-scripts.ca/documents/Medical Supplies and Equipment Provider Agreement.pdf. Please fax all pages and the cover sheet to: 1-855-622-0669.

Registering Additional MS&E Locations

Each MS&E location is assigned its own unique provider number (one unique provider number per location). All locations must be registered with Express Scripts Canada in order to avoid disruption of service for claims processing and/or payment. If you have not registered a new location, please complete and sign the Express Scripts Canada Medical Supplies and Equipment Provider Agreement and fax to Express Scripts Canada's Provider Relations Department at 1-855-622-0669. An agreement can be downloaded from https://www.provider.express-scripts.ca/documents/Medical Supplies and Equipment/Forms/English/Medical Supplies and Equipment/Provider Agreement.pdf.

NIHB Program Inquiries and Requests

To ensure a timely response, please direct provider requests to the appropriate area (contact information is included on the last page of the newsletter):

- Express Scripts Canada for new registrations, claims and Program questions
- Health Canada Regional Office for MS&E Prior Approvals

NIHB Program and Express Scripts Canada Contact Information can be found on the last page of this NIHB Newsletter.

NIHB PROGRAM AND EXPRESS SCRIPTS CANADA CONTACT INFORMATION

EXPRESS SCRIPTS CANADA

Provider Claims Processing Call Centre

Please have your Provider Number readily available

Inquiries and Password Resets

1-888-511-4666

MS&E Extended Hours

Monday to Friday: 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time Excluding Statutory Holidays

MS&E Claims

Mail MS&E claims to:

Express Scripts Canada NIHB MS&E Claims P.O. Box 1365, Station K, Toronto, ON M4P 3J4

MS&E Provider Relations Department & Provider Agreements

<u>Each</u> additional MS&E location must be registered with the NIHB Program with its own Provider Number prior to services being rendered.

Fax Completed MS&E Provider Agreement to:

Toll Free Fax No.: 1-855-622-0669

Other Correspondence

Mail to:

Express Scripts Canada 5770 Hurontario St., 10th Floor, Mississauga, ON L5R 3G5

NIHB Forms

Download from the

NIHB Claims Services Provider Website or contact the Provider Claims Processing Call Centre

www.provider.express-scripts.ca

NIHB PROGRAM MS&E BENEFITS

Health Canada Regional Offices

PRIOR APPROVALS MS&E Benefits

Alberta	1-800-232-7301
Atlantic	1-800-565-3294
Manitoba	1-800-665-8507
Northwest Territories/Nunavut/Yukon	1-888-332-9222
Ontario	1-800-881-3921
Quebec	1-877-483-1575
Saskatchewan	1-866-885-3933

INQUIRIES MS&E Benefits

Alberta	1-780-495-2694
	1-800-232-7301
Atlantic	1-902-426-2656
	1-800-565-3294
Manitoba	1-800-665-8507
Northwest Territories/Nunavut/Yukon	1-888-332-9222
Ontario	1-800-881-3921
Quebec	1-877-483-1575
	1-514-283-1575
Saskatchewan	1-866-885-3933

First Nations Health Authority

PRIOR APPROVALS

British Columbia* 1-888-299-9222

INQUIRIES

British Columbia* 1-604-666-3331 1-800-317-7878

*For First Nation residents only.
For non-residents and Inuit, contact the Alberta region.