

NEW INFORMATION

Price File for Ostomy Supplies

On **March 16, 2015**, the NIHB Program will implement a national price file and new prior approval process for select ostomy supplies. Two new benefits codes will also be created.

The prices have been established based on a scan of manufacturers pricing, consultations with industry representatives and an analysis of program utilization and pricing data. MS&E providers must use the new codes and follow the pricing structure set out by the price file. Below is the list of new codes and pricing for selected ostomy items. Please note that the prices in this price file do not apply to those providers with pre-existing contracts with Health Canada for ostomy products.

Please be reminded that the NIHB Program covers claims for eligible benefits/services which are not covered by other federal, provincial, territorial or third-party health insurance plans. When an NIHB-eligible client is also covered by another public or private health care plan, claims must be submitted to the other plan first. After the first payer processes the claim and generates an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form or equivalent document, the EOB (or equivalent) and a copy of the claim can be sent to your local Health Canada regional office for processing. The EOB or equivalent document must include the amounts paid by the first payer.

This information is also available on the Health Canada website at www.healthcanada.gc.ca/nihb.

Item Name	Item Number (*new)	NIHB Provincial Price	NIHB Northern Region Price
One-piece urostomy pouch, flat	99400731	\$12.90	\$14.74
One-piece urostomy pouch, convex	99400732	\$13.30	\$15.20
Two-piece urostomy pouch	99400745	\$6.20	\$7.09
Flange – Flat	99400742	\$9.00	\$10.29
Flange – Convex	99400743	\$12.69	\$14.50
One-piece, Drainable, Flat, Colostomy/Ileostomy pouch	99400406	\$7.79	\$8.90
One-piece, Drainable, Convex, Colostomy/Ileostomy pouch	99400730	\$11.54	\$13.19
One-piece, Closed, Flat, Colostomy/Ileostomy pouch	99400905* (Formerly 99400729)	\$4.66	\$5.33
One-piece, Closed, Convex, Colostomy/Ileostomy pouch	99400906* (Formerly 99400729)	\$6.80	\$7.77
Two-piece, Closed, Colostomy/Ileostomy Pouch	99400414	\$3.10	\$3.54
Two-piece, Drainable, Colostomy/Ileostomy Pouch	99400415	\$6.00	\$6.86

For prior approvals (PA) received before March 16, 2015, providers are advised to submit their claims using the code(s) referenced in the PA confirmation letter. Requests for PA received on/after March 16, 2015 should use the new codes and prices to avoid the PA request being adjusted.

On **March 16, 2016**, code 99400729 will be discontinued. One of the two new codes listed above must be used.

For clients who require more ostomy supplies than what the Program regularly covers, or who require a specialty item, the prior approval request must be supported with a prescription stating the medical need/justification.

Prior approval requests for ostomy supplies must now indicate whether the client has a permanent or temporary need for ostomy supplies.

If a client has a permanent condition that requires coverage of ostomy supplies listed on the price file, approval for coverage may be extended for these items for a two (2) year period. During this period, you will not need to contact your local Health Canada Regional Office again to obtain approval for dispenses of these ostomy supplies. Clients with a temporary condition will continue to require a yearly prescription. Please bill Express Scripts Canada as per directions on the confirmation letter. NIHB's frequency limit for ostomy products remains the same.

Please note that items with an annual frequency limit must be provided and billed for no more than a three-month period at a time. This applies to items with or without prior approval.

MS&E Provider Speciality Certifications

All new providers, legal and ownership changes must be registered with Express Scripts Canada prior to submitting claims. It is important to complete the NIHB agreement and include a copy of the professional diploma or the certification from the licensing bodies for each specialized MS&E items selected on page 18 of the agreement. Please be advised that only one provider billing number is allowed per location.

Registered MS&E providers wishing to add more MS&E specialties to their current services can fax a written request including the new certificates to Express Scripts Canada, attention: Provider Relations department at 1-855-622-0669. All new specialties must be approved by Express Scripts Canada prior to submitting claims. Providers can submit their first manual claim for a new MS&E specialty with the new certificate to the Claims Processing Department. Go to www.provider.express-scripts.ca/mse.html to access the claim form.

Direct Deposit Enrolment

To set up an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), please fax or send a voided cheque with the MS&E provider legal or operating name or an official bank letter with the completed Pharmacy and MS&E modification form (www.provider.express-scripts.ca/pdf/Medical_Supplies_and_Equipment_English/Modification_to_Pharmacy_and_MSE_Provider_Information_Form.pdf).

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

Waybills for Mobility Equipment, Incontinence Items and Oxygen Delivery Service

The NIHB Program does not cover local delivery of medical items and supplies (i.e. deliveries completed by the provider), but may cover and reimburse charges for the delivery of mobility equipment (99400819), incontinence items (99400820) and oxygen delivery service (99400262). The provider must obtain prior approval, and ship the medical item(s) to the client through a registered shipping company.

The provider must provide a copy of the waybill to obtain reimbursement for the shipping costs. In order for Express Scripts Canada to adjudicate the claim, the waybill amount must equal the same amount on the invoice/claim submission.

Submitting Manual Claims

To ensure efficient processing and payment of claims, please include all the required data elements in manual claims. The data elements for NIHB MS&E claims include:

- Client information
- Claim information for each prescribed item
- MS&E provider and parent information

Submission of all required client data elements is necessary to verify that the claimant is a NIHB client.

Reversals and corrections (with the stated reason for reversal) to previously paid claims should be submitted on your MS&E claim statement.

Claims that have missing or incomplete information will be rejected for payment with an explanation, or manually returned requesting additional information. Providers may contact the Claims Processing Call Centre to receive assistance on how to complete the form. Please have your provider number, NIHB client details and PA number ready before you call.

REMINDERS

Modification Return Process

When submitting claims, please ensure the entire claim form is complete before sending it to Express Scripts Canada for claims processing. Forwarding an updated return letter is insufficient and the claim will not be processed. As a result, the letter will be sent back to the provider for requesting the correctly completed claim form.

MS&E Change of Ownership or New Registration

When changing ownership of MS&E retail services or registering/re-registering a new retail store, providers need to advise Express Scripts Canada immediately so the system can be updated. 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 to Express Scripts Canada).

- Please fax **all** pages of the *Express Scripts Canada Medical Supplies and Equipment Provider Agreement* with a 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 the NIHB Claims Services Provider Website or requested from the Express Scripts Canada Provider Claims Processing Call Centre.

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

Each 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	1-888-332-9222
Ontario	1-800-881-3921
Quebec	1-877-483-1575
Saskatchewan	1-866-885-3933
Yukon	1-866-362-6717

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	1-888-332-9222
Ontario	1-800-881-3921
Quebec	1-877-483-1575
	1-514-283-1575
Saskatchewan	1-306-780-8294
	1-866-885-3933
Yukon	1-866-362-6717

British Columbia First Nations
Health Authority

PRIOR APPROVALS

British Columbia	1-888-299-9222
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British Columbia	1-604-666-3331
	1-800-317-7878