

# QUICK REFERENCE SHEET - DRUG BENEFIT COVERAGE FOR FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT

## What is NIHB?

The **NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS (NIHB) PROGRAM** is a Federal health plan for registered First Nations and recognized Inuit.

## What's covered?

Most prescriptions are covered, including many over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. Visit [canada.ca/nihb](http://canada.ca/nihb) for the **NIHB DRUG BENEFIT LIST**.

## How does it work?

Express Scripts Canada processes claims for NIHB. **Payments are processed electronically through the Point of Sale (POS) system**, like other insurance plans.

## Is everything automated?

Certain medications require **Prior Approval (PA)** or may be covered as an **exception**. If the POS message "DIN/PIN NOT A BENEFIT" appears, the medication may still be covered.



Call the **NIHB DRUG EXCEPTION CENTRE (DEC)** at **1-800-580-0950** between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

## What if DEC is closed?

For medications requiring a PA, an **emergency supply** of up to seven days may be dispensed when needed urgently to treat serious and urgent health conditions. Call when DEC re-opens to get an authorization number to claim costs.

For general information or claims, contact the **PROVIDER CLAIMS PROCESSING CALL CENTRE** at **1-888-511-4666**, open until midnight, seven days a week or visit [provider.express-scripts.ca](http://provider.express-scripts.ca)