

B.C. Pharmacare: Registration for Fair Pharmacare

All employees covered on our Extended Health Benefits coverage are required by our Insurer to register for Fair Pharmacare. This notice is to explain the meaning of “Fair Pharmacare” and instruct you how to enrol and advise the Insurer you have done so.

B.C. Pharmacare will pay 70% of your eligible prescription drug costs after an annual deductible. The deductible itself is based on your family net income. The income-based deductible was implemented on May 1, 2003.

As a result all insurers have a dollar limit coded in their claims systems, which triggers the need for proof of Pharmacare Registration. For *XYZ Life*, the **limit is \$600.00 for employees under age 65 and \$100.00 for employees over age 65**, per calendar year. To receive reimbursement beyond this \$600 / \$100 ceiling you must provide proof to *XYZ Life* that you have registered with Pharmacare. As proof they require your registration number. (*XYZ Life* does not need to know the actual deductible nor do they need to know your net family income).

If you know you are already registered, send a copy of your confirmation to *XYZ Life*. You can get a copy of your registration, if required, from the website shown immediately below.

If not already registered, then apply now and send *XYZ Life* a photocopy of your Fair Pharmacare Confirmation of Registration with your next claim submission.

The website for Pharmacare registration is:

www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/pharme/index.html

The Pharmacare phone numbers are:

***From the Lower Mainland, 604-683-7151**

***From the rest of BC 1-800-663-7100**