

Financial Support for Breast Prosthesis and Mastectomy Garments

Provinces offer different levels of support for breast prosthesis and mastectomy garments. We do our best to keep this information up to date, but please remember to check with your provincial website for the most current information. If you have private insurance you may also have coverage, so also call your insurance provider to inquire what your plan covers in terms of breast prosthetics and garments. You may also want to check with your Oncology team or hospital resource centre to see what programs are offered locally.

ALBERTA

- Full breast prosthesis, partial breast prosthesis and fitter fees for eligible clients are funded through Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) Cost-share program, every 3 years Items must be purchased through a manufacturer from the approved manufacturers list. <u>Download AADL</u> <u>Manual and Approved Products List.</u>
- Patients under 65, are required to pay 25% of the cost of the program benefits or up to \$500 per family per benefit year. Patients over 65 receive benefits at no cost (up to maximum benchmark price) per benefit year. Patients can apply for exemptions using the <u>Application for Cost-Share</u> <u>Exemption</u>.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- PharmaCare covers prostheses following mastectomy from an approved provider.
- One every 2 years is covered or at the end of the manufacturer's warranty.
- A maximum of \$450 is covered for a mastectomy or \$350 for a lumpectomy.
- For more information visit the PharmaCare website.

MANITOBA

- Two options are available:
 - Option 1: a benefit every 2 years of up to \$400 for one prosthesis for single mastectomy; up to \$400 per prosthesis for a total of 2 prostheses for a double mastectomy; up to \$50 for one bra.
 - Option 2: a benefit every 4 years of up to \$800 per prosthesis for a single mastectomy; up to \$800 per prosthesis to a total of 2 for a double mastectomy; up to \$100 for one bra.
- Prosthesis must be purchased from an approved vendor.
- For more information visit the Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program.

NEW BRUNSWICK

- Patients are eligible once every 2 years for a breast prosthesis and a bra, there is no cost to eligible client.
- For more information visit the Government of New Brunswick Health Services website.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

 To the best of our knowledge, there is not currently coverage for prosthesis in Newfoundland and Labrador. Please check with your private insurance coverage and local hospital for resources in your community.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

 To the best of our knowledge, there is not currently coverage for prosthesis in Northwest Territories. Please check with your private insurance coverage and local hospital for resources in your community.

NOVA SCOTIA

- Patients are eligible once every two years for \$150 off ticketed prosthesis price.
- People with a household income of less than \$30,000 are eligible for an additional \$150 on permanent prosthesis and \$40 on mastectomy bras, every 2 years.

NUNAVUT

• To the best of our knowledge, there isn't currently coverage for prosthesis in Nunavut. Please check with your private insurance coverage and local hospital for resources in your community.

ONTARIO

- Patients are eligible for:
 - o \$195 for one full-breast prosthesis.
 - \$390 for two full-breast prostheses.
 - \$105 for a partial-breast prosthesis.
 - o \$210 for two partial-breast prostheses.
- More information is available here.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

 To the best of our knowledge, there is not currently coverage for prosthesis in Prince Edward Island. Please check with your private insurance coverage and local hospital for resources in your community.

QUEBEC

- The External Breast Forms Program offers coverage every two years and per breast.
- Patients are reimbursed up to \$443 for a complete breast prosthesis and up to \$261 for a partial breast prosthesis. To be eligible for a reimbursement, you must purchase the breast form from a business established in Quebec.
- For more information visit the RAMQ website.

SASKATCHEWAN

• To the best of our knowledge, there isn't currently coverage for prosthesis in Saskatchewan. Please check with your private insurance coverage and local hospital for resources in your community.

YUKON

• To the best of our knowledge, there isn't currently coverage for prosthesis in Yukon. Please check with your private insurance coverage and local hospital for resources in your community.

FEDERALLY

- The Non-Insured Health Benefit for First Nations and Inuit program (NHIB) program provides
 registered First Nations and recognized Inuit with coverage of full or partial breast prosthesis/es
 following a mastectomy or lumpectomy.
- Prescriptions for coverage must be initiated by specific health care professionals.
- For more information visit https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1585322956405/1585322984543#s7-2-2.