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# How to Access PharmaCare's Special Authority Program for Prescription Drugs

One of the most meaningful things you can do to control cost and ensure the sustainability of your benefits plan is to access PharmaCare's Special Authority program for prescrition drugs. Here's how:

### STEP 1 Talk to your doctor

Your doctor will ask if you are registered for PharmaCare.

- If you have not yet registered, proceed to Step 2.
- If you are already registered, proceed to Step 3.

## STEP 2 Register for PharmaCare

Register for PharmaCare online at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare or by phone at 604 683-7151 (toll-free 1 800 663-7100) Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# **STEP 3**

#### Your Doctor applies to PharmaCare for Special Authority on your behalf

The forms are available online at **www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare**, but most doctors' offices will have copies on site. All forms must be completed by a licensed physician\* and faxed to the number indicated on the form.

#### STEP 4 PharmaCare notifies your doctor

PharmaCare will notify your doctor of their decision in writing. This is known as PharmaCare's decision document. Request a copy of this decision document from your doctor or from PharmaCare directly. You may be asked to submit it to Pacific Blue Cross along with future related claims.

#### STEP 5 Fill your prescription

Fill your prescription. If your application was approved, PharmaCare will cover all or a portion of your drug cost (once your PharmaCare deductible has been satisfied) for the duration of time indicated on the decision document. Follow your standard claiming procedure with Pacific Blue Cross.

Thank you for helping to control the cost of your benefits plan.

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