



NUNAVUT HEALTH CARE PLAN (NU HCP)

Overview

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Eligibility

Eligible

- Permanent residents of Nunavut. A “permanent resident” of Nunavut is a person who has Nunavut as their primary place of residence
- People holding an employment or student visa valid for one year or more. The visa must have a Nunavut address

Not Eligible

- Tourists and visitors to Nunavut
- Temporary workers on employment contracts for less than one year
- Students whose permanent residence is a province or territory other than Nunavut
- People holding an employment or student visa valid for less than one year
- People holding an employment or student visa that does not have a Nunavut address
- Inmates of federal penitentiaries

Wait period

Health coverage may become effective on the 1st day of the 3rd month providing you meet all eligibility requirements.

Coverage during wait period

New residents from other parts of Canada should maintain coverage with their former medical plan during the wait period. New or returning residents arriving from outside Canada should contact a private insurance company (Cowan) for coverage during this period.

Documents (photocopies) required with application

Provide two clear copies of identification (birth certificate, passport, baptismal papers, driver's license, employment ID or previous health care card). If you do not have Canadian Citizenship, immigration documents are required when applying for Nunavut Health Care. Other documentation may be requested for verification purposes.

Good quality photocopies will be accepted.

Adding and removing dependents

All infants are registered in the surname of the birth mother. If you wish to register the child with the surname of the biological father, the father must also sign this application. A child being custom adopted will be registered in the birth mother's surname until the custom adoption has been completed and a copy of the birth certificate is provided. A child is always registered with the birth mother's ethnicity until documentation supporting the change is provided. "In a situation in which the parents, married or in a common-law relationship, have different surnames; both parents must sign this application form if the child is to be registered with the father's surname. A copy of the child's birth certificate indicating the correct name will also be accepted. If neither the child's birth certificate, nor both parents' signatures are provided with this application, the child will be registered with the surname of the mother. If there has been a change to the mother's surname, but the registrations department has not been notified of that change, the child will be registered with the mother's surname on file with the health care registrations department. Please note: a marriage certificate is not sufficient to change a child's surname, a birth certificate is required." Any registration for newborn over 12 months old must be accompanied by a baptismal document, birth certificate, delivery record from health facility or immunization documents.

Where to Register

Mail your application to the address below:

Department of Health

Health Insurance Programs

Government of Nunavut

Attention: Health Care Registrations Department

BOX 889

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut (NU) X0C 0G0"

How to enrol

To register for the Nunavut Health Care Plan, you must fill out an Application for Nunavut Health Care Coverage form.

You can download your application form below from the following webpage:

<http://gov.nu.ca/health/information/health-care-card>

Application forms are also available at all community health centres and nursing stations in Nunavut, the Qikiqtani General Hospital in Iqaluit, and at the Health Insurance Programs Office in Rankin Inlet.

New to Nunavut

1. Download the Application form for people who are new to Nunavut
2. Print and fill out your application
3. Provide two clear copies of identification (birth certificate, passport, baptismal papers, driver's license, employment ID or previous health care card)
4. Mail your form along with the copies of your identification to the address mentioned under "Where to Register".

Changes that affect your coverage

To keep your Nunavut Health Care Card up to date, contact the Health Insurance Programs Office in Rankin Inlet if you:

- Lose your card
- Change your name or address
- Live outside of Nunavut for more than three months for medical reasons, school, or work
- Move out of Nunavut

The Application for Change of Information form is available online at <http://gov.nu.ca/health/information/health-care-card> and at all health centres and nursing stations in Nunavut and at the Health Insurance Programs Office in Rankin Inlet.

Steps:

1. Download the form Application for change of personal information.
2. Print and fill out your application
3. Be sure to provide copies of documents that support the change (see back of application)

Mail completed forms to the following address:

Health Care Registrations
Department of Health
Box 889
Rankin Inlet, NU
X0C 0G0

Phone: (867) 645-8001

Fax: (867) 645-8092

Toll Free: (800) 661-0833

Cancelling your coverage -absences from country

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What is covered?

The Nunavut Health Care Plan covers the costs of certain doctor and hospital services. For more information visit <http://gov.nu.ca/health/information/nunavut-health-care-plan>.

When to use your card

Every person enrolled in the Nunavut Health Care Plan is given a Health Care Card with their own unique nine digit number. The Nunavut Health Care Card confirms that the holder is enrolled in the Nunavut Health Care Plan. To cover the costs of health services, the card must be shown at hospitals, health centres, nursing stations, public health offices or doctors' offices in and out of Nunavut. Nunavummiut that do not show the card at health facilities out of territory may have to pay for health care services up front or be invoiced. Card holders that pay up front or are invoiced can apply for repayment from the Health Insurance Programs Office at the address below:

Nunavut Health Insurance Programs Office
Department of Health
Box 889
Rankin Inlet, NU
X0C 0G0

How to replace a lost card

To keep your Nunavut Health Care Card up to date, contact the Health Insurance Programs Office in Rankin Inlet if you:

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General Enquiries Contact information

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Toll Free: (800) 661-0833

Email: nhip@gov.nu.ca"

Websites

<http://gov.nu.ca/health/information/health-insurance>

http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/subjects/cards/health_card.shtml

<http://gov.nu.ca/health/information/health-care-card>

Provincial forms

<http://gov.nu.ca/health/information/health-care-card>

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