

Health Canada: Non-Insured Health Benefits Program

Health Canada's national benefit program that provides coverage for benefit claims for a specified range of drugs, dental care, vision care, medical supplies and equipment, and medical transportation and accommodations for eligible First Nations people and Inuit.

Toll Free 1-800-565-3294

Cancer Recovery Foundation of Canada

Provides limited assistance with transportation costs and emergency payments to utility companies and Landlords.

www. CancerRecovery.ca

Toll Free: 1-866-753-0303 Ext. 223

Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation Programs:

Patient and Family Support Fund

The Patient and Family Support Fund may provide limited short-term financial assistance to patients for treatment-related expenses such as travel, meals and accommodations. Assistance with the costs of prosthetics, wigs and other equipment may also be considered. Eligibility is based on a demonstrated financial need and a financial assessment is required. Consult the nurse in your regional Cancer Centre, or the Social Work Department at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre for more information.

Phone: (709) 777-7604

Kids With Cancer Travel Fund

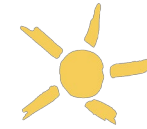
This fund provides limited short-term financial assistance for accommodations, travel and meals to children and their family members when traveling for medical treatment. Assistance is based on a demonstrated financial need and a financial assessment is required.

Phone: Pediatric Oncology Social Worker
Janeway Child Health Centre
(709) 777-4436
or
Pediatric Nurse Coordinator
(709) 777-4668

All programs have specific eligibility requirements. For more information, please contact your regional Patient Navigator at 1-855-848-3888. More information is also available by contacting the Social Work Department at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre at (709) 777-7604.

Regional Cancer Centres:

Northern Region	(709) 454-3999
Corner Brook	(709) 637-5476
Grand Falls-Windsor	(709) 292-2112
Gander	(709) 256-5545
Labrador City	(709) 285-8332



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Financial Programs Available For Cancer Patients

Cancer can cause a huge financial burden for patients and their families. This brochure lists programs and services which may be of assistance in alleviating this source of stress.

If you wish to make a contribution to the Patient and Family Support Fund, please contact our office at (709) 777-7589 or go to www.cancercarefoundation.nl.ca.

Medical Transportation Assistance Program

The Department of Health and Community Services offers reimbursement of a portion of the cost of transportation, accommodations and meals for patients who have to travel to another region of the province or outside the province to access medical service. Patients who have to travel by air also have an option of applying to have 50% of their airfare covered through this program. Patients who travel by private vehicle can get reimbursed for travel exceeding 1,500 kms. As there are specific qualifying criteria for this program, you are urged to consult the nurse in your regional Cancer Centre or the Social Work Department at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre. For further information, contact the Department of Health and Community Services at **1-877-475-2412** or at **www.health.gov.nl.ca**.

Service Canada

Offers a variety of income security programs:

- Employment Insurance Sick Benefits
- Employment Insurance Compassionate Care
- Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefits
- Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Spouse's/Widowed Spouse's Allowance

Website: www.hrhc-drhc.gc.ca

Phone: 1-800-622-6232

Department of Advanced Education and Skills

In addition to income support, this program offers assistance with drug card coverage, medical travel, accommodations and meals to qualifying patients. If you are currently in receipt of financial assistance you should advise your client services officer of your medical requirements. For new applicants, an "Application for Income Support" and a financial assessment are required. **Website:** www.aes.gov.nl.ca.

Newfoundland & Labrador Prescription Drug Program

Provides financial assistance in the purchase of eligible prescription medications for those who reside in the province. There are four main plans under the program:

1. A plan for those in receipt of income support benefits through the Department of Advanced Education and Skills.

2. A plan for coverage of eligible prescription drugs to residents 65 years of age and older who receive Old Age Security benefits and the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

3. A plan for individuals and families with low incomes. The amount of coverage is determined by net income level and family status.

4. A plan for individuals and/or families with high drug costs, whether it be from the cost of one extremely high cost drug or the combined cost of different drugs.

Website: www.health.gov.nl.ca

Phone: 1-888-859-3535

Department of Health, Special Assistance Program - Medical Equipment and Supplies

The Special Assistance Program is a provincial program which provides basic medical supplies and equipment to assist with activities of daily living for individuals living in the community who meet the eligibility criteria for the program. Benefits of the program include:

- Medical supplies (such as dressings, catheters and incontinent supplies),
- Oxygen and related equipment and supplies,
- Orthotics such as braces and burn garments, and
- Equipment such as wheelchairs, commodes or walkers.

For more information on accessing this service, contact your regional health authority. Visit www.health.gov.nl.ca or contact the Social Work Department at **(709) 777-7604**.

Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission

Provides short and long-term disability benefits to injured workers, survivor benefits and compensation for specific industrial related diseases.

Website: www.whscc.nf.ca

Phone: 1-800-563-9000

Veterans Affairs Canada

Provides assistance with the costs of medical treatment to eligible veterans.

Website: www.vac-acc.gc.ca

Phone: (709) 772-4716 or 1-800-563-9623

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency

Offers income tax deductions for some medical expenses that have not been covered by insurance policies or other programs. Also offers deductions and credits for people with disabilities and their caregivers.

Website: www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Phone: 1-800-959-8281

Private Insurance

In addition to coverage for drugs, medical supplies and health care services, many insurance companies offer some assistance with the costs of medical travel. Consult your insurance carrier regarding your specific plan and benefits available.

Ostomy Subsidy Program

The Department of Health and Community Services provides reimbursement for a portion of the cost of eligible ostomy supplies for eligible seniors (65+ years of age.)

Phone: ET Nurse Coordinator

Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre

(709) 777-7549 or

Dept. of Health and Community Services

(709) 753-3615

Volunteer Driver Program

The Canadian Cancer Society (Newfoundland and Labrador Division) provided free transportation to eligible patients to and from treatment and appointments - within the metro area, 48 hours advance notice required.

Website: www.cancer.ca

Phone: 1-866-522-2122

Hope Air

Provides air transportation to patients required to travel for medical services. Service is provided based on demonstrated financial need and a financial assessment is required - three weeks advance notice required.

Website: www.hopeair.org

Phone: 1-877-346-4673