

Provincial/Territorial Coverage of ARV drugs for HIV prevention across Canada:

Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland & Labrador	Northwest Territories	Nova Scotia	Nunavut	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Yukon	Interim Federal Health
For Post-exposure prophylaxis														
For <u>consensual</u> non-occupational exposure (eg. sexual exposures, needle-sharing)	no	See note	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	See note	no	yes	yes	no	see note
For <u>non-consensual</u> non-occupational exposure (eg. sexual assault)	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	see note
For occupational exposures in individuals <u>without</u> private drug insurance (eg. dental hygienist without drug insurance)	yes	yes	Only WCB	no	no	yes	no	yes	no	WCB	yes	WCB	yes	see note
For Pre-exposure prophylaxis														
Emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (Truvada)	no	no	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	see note

Notes:

Alberta	For post-exposure prophylaxis, emergency care providers consult with regional Medical Officer of Health (MOH) on-call. Details of exposure are reviewed and MOH may authorize coverage of medications according to protocol, no cost to patient. If exposure is occupational and WCB is available, that route is pursued; if no WCB or other insurance then MOH may authorize provincial Public Health fund to cover, no cost to patient. Coverage for consensual exposures is not generally offered except in extenuating circumstances, at discretion of MOH.
British Columbia	Consensual non-occupational exposure covered for 6 sites in Vancouver or with authorization of BC Center For Excellence (CFE) physician; Non-consensual non-occupational and occupational without private drug insurance require authorization from CFE physician for continuation of prophylaxis after starter kit (5 day kit in all EDs, RN stations, some clinics). Province covers 100% of cost, if authorized by CFE physician.
Manitoba	ARVs are an eligible benefit for the provincial drug plan (Pharmacare) only those who have HIV and are using for treatment. For occupational exposure, it is potentially possible to have PEP covered as a claim through the Workers' Compensation Board (need claim number to bill)
New Brunswick	
NFLD and Labrador	ARVs are only covered "For the treatment of HIV/AIDS." No separate program to access ARVs for HIV prevention for any group (eg. seniors, social assistance recipients)
NWT	NIHB: For ARVs that are eligible benefits and do not require a prior approval – there is no differentiation between for treatment or prevention of HIV. If needing ARVs that require prior approval then it should be approved immediately after call to the prior approval line stating that it's for the indication of PEP
Nova Scotia	In the setting of sexual assault, the entire 28 day course is provided free of charge. In all other situations where PEP is deemed necessary, a 5 day PEP starter kit of Truvada and Raltegravir is supplied to the patient at no cost from ED across the province. A prescription for the remainder of therapy is the financial responsibility of the patient.
Nunavut	NIHB: For ARVs that are eligible benefits and do not require a prior approval – there is no differentiation between for treatment or prevention of HIV. If needing ARVs that require prior approval then it should be approved immediately after call to the prior approval line stating that it's for the indication of PEP
Ontario	No out-of-pocket expenses for sexual assault victims; otherwise, ARVs are only covered "For the treatment of HIV/AIDS." No separate program to access ARVs for HIV prevention for any group (eg. seniors, social assistance recipients) The city of Ottawa, through the sexual health clinic, has a limited budget to help those high-risk individuals in need who cannot afford the 28-day course
Prince Edward Island	Requires approval from the chief public health office
Quebec	Out of pocket expenses for patients covered under the provincial plan as per any other drug: - For children < 18 years old, full time students < 25 years old without a spouse and living with parents, and people on social assistance the medications are free; - For people 65 or over, the out of pocket contribution can be 0\$, 52.16\$ or 87.16\$/month depending on their guaranteed income supplement -For others, there is a maximum payment of 87.16\$/month (maximum 1046\$/ year)
Saskatchewan	ARVs are covered 100% for non-occupational PEP. Occupational exposures covered under WCB or Regional Health Authorities for health region employees. Truvada for PrEP available as open benefit under NIHB, Saskatchewan Provincial Drug Plan does not reimburse Truvada for PrEP but third party providers may on an individual basis
Yukon	Clients who meet the HIV PEP criteria as outline in the Yukon Blood & body fluid exposure management guideline receive 100% publically funded ARV therapy
Interim Federal Health	As of April 1st, 2016, regular drug benefit list is determined by province or territory. Limited use, exceptional status, special authorization or restricted use medications require pre-authorization by IFHP. IFHP will use the same recognition criteria for prior approval and payment as provided in the provincial/territorial public prescription drug insurance plan.

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