

Important Information for Service Providers Changes Announced to the Interim Federal Health Program

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Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) recently announced the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) will be restored to the levels of coverage available before 2012 for all beneficiaries.

This notice is to inform you that starting April 1, 2016, the IFHP will provide full health-care coverage for all beneficiaries, including:

- Basic coverage – similar to provincial/territorial health care, including hospital and physician services.
- Supplemental coverage – similar to coverage provided by provinces and territories to those on social assistance, including vision and urgent dental care.
- Prescription drug coverage – similar to coverage provided by provinces and territories to those on social assistance.

The IFHP temporary measures announced in November 2014 will continue until the program changes take effect on April 1, 2016 and these changes will not be retroactive. Please note that there is no change to the claims submission deadline – claims must be submitted within six months of services rendered.

In the coming weeks, a new IFHP Provider Guide and more detailed information about these changes will be posted on this site and made available to all Service Providers.

In the meantime, for additional information on the changes to the Interim Federal Health Program, please visit <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=1034619>.

Please share this information with the members of your Association. If you or your members have any questions, please call the Medavie Blue Cross Contact Centre at 1-888-614-1880.

