

Special Needs – Health Services

DID YOU KNOW?.....

Children in care are eligible for the insured hospital and medical services available in Saskatchewan.

What is covered by the Medical Services Division?

1. DRUGS:

- Children in care receive benefits under Plan 3. Plan 3 beneficiaries may receive without charge, any prescribed drug which is available under the **Prescription Drug Services Branch**, as well as certain prescribed drugs that are not available under the Branch.



2. MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DEVICES:

- All medical supplies and devices must be prescribed and are provided without charge to the beneficiary. **SOME** included benefits are:

- a. Insulin syringes, needles and accessories such as lancets and alcohol swabs
- b. Incontinence aids and accessories such as catheters, trays, drainage bags, syringes and tubing
- c. Fiberglass casts
- d. Female Contraceptive devices
- e. Various bandage type supports (ankle, knee, wrist)
- f. Cervical collars (soft)
- g. Surgical supports such as hernia trusses
- h. Elastic stockings(surgical type)



3. HEARING AIDS, REPAIRS AND ACCESSORIES:

- a. Aids and repairs require prior approval and must be obtained through the Saskatchewan Hearing Aid Plan.
- b. Aids are provided without cost to beneficiaries 21 years of age and under. (For over 21 years, MSD pays 70% of the cost of the aid and the beneficiary is required to pay 30%).
- c. Batteries are available, at no cost to the beneficiary, at any pharmacy.



4. DENTAL SERVICES:

- a. Coverage includes payment for routine dental services (examinations, fillings, extractions and dentures).
- b. Dentures require prior approval by Medical Services. Some payment is required by the beneficiary – presently \$15.00 per denture
- c. Orthodontic work requires prior approval by Medical Services. Only requests from certified orthodontists will be considered. The orthodontist should be asked to submit an application including the child's dental records to:

Supplementary Health Program
Medical Care Insurance Division
Saskatchewan Health
Regina, Saskatchewan

What is not covered by Medical Services Division?

The following are **SOME** health services **NOT** covered by MSD:

- Incontinent pads, pants, diapers
- Sugar and salt substitutes
- Flu vaccines
- Contact lens solutions
- Denture adhesives and cleaners
- Food supplements such as Ensure and Isocal etc
- Hot water bottles
- Male contraceptives
- Cleaning tissues, first-aid kits, band-aids, cotton tipped applicators, cotton balls
- Mouth washes, gargles, toothpastes, dental floss
- All analgesic and antiseptic lozenges
- Room sprays, deodorants, utensil cleaners, rust inhibitors
- Non-elastic support hose
- Emollients, skin protectives, body rubs, lotions. sun-screening agents

5. Medical Examinations and Reports

Third party medical examinations and reports are payable by MSD only when they have been requested by Saskatchewan Social Services

6. Optical Services

- Glasses and repairs, if prescribed, are a benefit providing that the lens prescription meets a minimum criteria in lens correction
- Glasses may be obtained from either an optometrist or an optical dispensary and the service provider is required to obtain prior approval from MSD.
- A plain tint, if prescribed, will be paid by MSD but cosmetic, gradient and photo ray tints are not benefits
- Payment for lost or broken glasses will usually be made only once in any twelve month period.
- MSD makes payment for the lenses, a dispensing fee, and a plain quality frame. All optometric offices are under contract to have frames available at the price paid by MSD, However, if a beneficiary chooses a more expensive frame, he/she is responsible to pay the difference in price.

For further information on Optical Services, Medical and Medically-Related Transportation, and Information listed above see: Section 7.16 of the Children's Services Policies and Procedures Manual

