



New Brunswick Drug Plans and Other Government Sponsored Programs

2022-23 Data

Enrollment 2022-23

New Brunswick Drug Plans

Table 1

Drug Plan	Number of Individuals Enrolled ¹
New Brunswick Prescription Drug Program	103,279
Seniors' Drug Plan	55,255
Social Development Clients	36,102
Nursing Home Residents	4,926
Adult Residential Facilities	2,540
Children in the Care of the Minister of Social Development and Special Needs Children	2,414
Cystic Fibrosis, HIV/AIDS, Growth Hormone Deficiency, Multiple Sclerosis, Organ Transplant Plans	688
Correctional Services Plan	1,354
Medavie Blue Cross Seniors' Prescription Drug Program	14,653
New Brunswick Drug Plan	16,768
Total	134,700

¹ The number of individuals enrolled as of March 2023. Individuals may be enrolled in more than one Plan during the month.

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New Brunswick Drug Plan

Table 2

Annual Premium	Number of Individuals Enrolled ¹
\$66	4,754
\$133	467
\$266	390
\$399	400
\$532	656
\$665	273
\$798	391
\$931	1,657
\$1,064	60
\$1,197	38
\$1,330	90
\$1,463	4,283
\$1,596	49
\$1,729	1,463
\$1,862	349
\$1,995	265
\$2,128	784
\$2,261	100
\$2,394	44
\$2,527	30
\$2,660	225
Total	16,768

¹The number of individuals enrolled as of March 2023.

Average Days' Supply 2022-23

New Brunswick Drug Plans

Table 3

Drug Plan	Average Days' Supply per Claim ¹
New Brunswick Prescription Drug Program	
Seniors' Drug Plan	44.9
Social Development Clients	13.7
Nursing Home Residents	18.6
Adult Residential Facilities	25.3
Children in the Care of the Minister of Social Development and Special Needs Children	27.0
Cystic Fibrosis Plan	39.8
Multiple Sclerosis Plan	28.0
HIV/AIDS Plan	83.3
Growth Hormone Deficiency Plan	63.1
Organ Transplant Plan	73.2
Correctional Services Plan	7.4
Medavie Blue Cross Seniors' Prescription Drug Program	59.2
New Brunswick Drug Plan	39.9

¹ The days' supply for each claim is entered by the pharmacy.

Claims and Expenditures 2022-23

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Table 4a

Drug Plan	Number of Claims	Drug Cost Paid	Dispensing / Professional Fees Paid	Mark-up Paid
New Brunswick Drug Plan	659,886	\$80,324,565	\$7,119,320	\$6,067,790
New Brunswick Prescription Drug Program (NBPDP) ¹	4,692,854	\$151,115,653	\$50,824,073	\$11,694,100
Medavie Blue Cross Seniors' Prescription Drug Program	404,276	\$25,464,490	\$4,455,466	\$1,963,980
Extra Mural Program	3,591	\$1,499,545	\$55,000	\$5,615
Medical Abortion Program	939	\$275,737	\$10,326	\$22,016
NB Tuberculosis Drug Plan	1,732	\$39,165	\$19,021	\$2,737

¹ Includes data for NB PharmaCheck™.

Table 4b

Program	Number of Claims	Dispensing / Professional Fees Paid
Rural Pharmacy Incentive	n/a ¹	\$388,612
NB PharmaCheck™	11,499	\$603,449

¹ Not applicable. Additional dispensing fees paid for eligible claims.

Claims and Expenditures 2022-23

Public Health Plan

Table 5

Program / Service	Number of Claims	Professional Fees Paid	Drug Cost Paid	Mark-up Paid
Avian Flu Drug Therapy	NR ¹	NR ¹	NR ¹	NR ¹
COVID-19 Drug Therapy	7,154	\$78,606	n/a ²	n/a ²
Paxlovid Pharmacist Assessment and Prescribing	4,435	\$88,083	n/a ³	n/a ³
Pharmacist Administered COVID-19 Vaccine	289,353	\$3,760,189	n/a ²	n/a ²
Pharmacist Administered Pneumococcal Vaccine	2,007	\$25,516	n/a ²	n/a ²
Pharmacist Administered Seasonal Influenza Vaccine	150,248	\$1,951,415	n/a ²	n/a ²

¹ Not reported. Values less than 6 and related data are not reported to maintain confidentiality.

² Not applicable. Public Health provides the drug or vaccine to pharmacies at no cost.

³ Not applicable. Service does not involve dispensing a drug.

Table 6 - Pharmacy Services Program

Service	Number of Claims	Professional Fees Paid
Prescription Renewals by Pharmacists	154,238	\$1,666,072
Assessment and Prescribing by Pharmacists for:		
Contraception Management	524	\$9,402
Shingles (Herpes Zoster)	665	\$13,288
Urinary Tract Infection (Uncomplicated)	8,298	\$165,701

Claims and Expenditures - Last 5 Years

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Table 7

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Number of individuals enrolled	134,719	134,980	130,177	130,589	134,040
Number of claims	6,289,099	6,482,109	6,569,263	7,240,215	6,936,662
Drug cost paid	\$195,919,045	\$214,469,065	\$232,147,892	\$239,283,790	\$266,783,901
Mark-up paid	\$15,260,533	\$16,523,356	\$17,794,184	\$18,325,906	\$20,382,663
Dispensing/ Professional fees paid	\$66,295,043	\$68,662,667	\$69,880,446	\$78,797,364	\$74,601,428

¹ Includes data for all New Brunswick Drug Plans and Other Government Sponsored Programs.

Prescription Claim Averages¹

Table 8

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Average amount paid per individual enrolled	\$2,038.99	\$2,193.97	\$2,421.43	\$2,467.91	\$2,622.10
Average number of claims per individual enrolled	45.95	47.15	48.93	47.96	47.01
Average drug cost paid per claim	\$31.48	\$33.45	\$36.20	\$38.03	\$42.04
Average dispensing fee paid per claim	\$10.43	\$10.48	\$10.50	\$10.50	\$10.50
Average amount paid per claim	\$44.38	\$46.53	\$49.49	\$51.45	\$55.77
Average days' supply per claim	29.75	29.54	30.24	30.89	31.14

¹ Does not include data for NB PharmaCheck™, Public Health Plan and Pharmacy Services Program.