

DO YOU PAY A LOT FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?

The Nova Scotia government now has 5 programs to help low income families or families with very high medication costs pay for prescription medications.

You must register with the government to qualify for the savings.

You still have to pay some costs each year but after you reach your maximum (depending on your income), your medications will be free.

What are these programs?

1. Drug Assistance for Cancer Patients – for families that pay out of their own pocket for cancer treatment medications. This program will also help families that have workplace benefits that cover some, but not all of the costs.
2. Pharmacare Benefits – Department of Community Services – for individuals and families on Social Assistance only.
3. Diabetes Assistance Program – for individuals who pay for diabetic medications and supplies out of their own pocket.
4. Seniors Pharmacare Program – for seniors only
5. Family Pharmacare Program – ***This new program starts March 1, 2008.*** It is for low income working individuals and families with high medical expenses who have or do not have drug benefits through work.

How do I find out more?

The Nova Scotia government has set up an easy to read website where you can find out more information on each of these programs.

Check it out at www.nspharmacare.ca