

## Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP)

The **Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP)**, funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) and administered by Medavie Blue Cross, is a program that provides limited, temporary coverage of health-care benefits to specific groups of individuals.

The benefits under the IFHP differ for resettled refugees who receive financial support from the Canadian Government through the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) and for those who do not receive RAP.

Until November 5, 2014, Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs) were receiving limited benefits under IFH’s ‘Health Care Coverage’ plan, and Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) and Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS) refugees were receiving benefits under IFH’s ‘Expanded Health Care Coverage’ plan.

*Please note that this information is current as of April 1, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program at 1.877.290.1701.*

### COVERAGE & BENEFITS

The chart below provides an overview of the IFHP benefits which came into effect November 5, 2014, when the Government of Canada implemented temporary measures for the IFHP.

- PSRs (19 years of age and over, and not pregnant) - Type 3 Coverage
- PSRs (under 19) - Type 1 Coverage
- PSRs (pregnant) - Type 2 Coverage
- Resettled refugees receiving RAP financial support (i.e.: BVORs, JAS) - Type 1 Coverage

*For more information about the benefits available for other categories of IFHP beneficiaries, please see the Interim Federal Health Program: Summary of Benefits found on the CIC IFHP website at [www.cic.gc.ca/ifhp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/ifhp).*

PSRs (19 years and over, and not pregnant)	BVORs & JAS
<b>TYPE 3</b>	<b>TYPE 1</b>
<p><b>Basic Coverage</b> - covered only until qualifies for OHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-patient and out-patient hospital services</li> <li>• Services of licensed health care professionals (medical doctors, registered practitioners)</li> <li>• Pre- and postnatal care</li> <li>• Laboratory and diagnostic services</li> </ul>	<p><b>Basic Coverage</b> – covered only until qualifies for OHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-patient and out-patient hospital services</li> <li>• Services of licensed health care professionals (medical doctors, registered practitioners)</li> <li>• Pre- and postnatal care</li> <li>• Laboratory and diagnostic services</li> <li>• Ambulance</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambulance</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Health or Public Safety (PHPS)</b>  <b>Prescription Drug Coverage:</b>  Covered for prescription medication and related products that are included in the <u>IFHP PHPS formulary</u>, only if required to prevent or treat a disease posing a risk to public health or to treat a condition of public safety concern. Covered for the duration of the sponsorship.</p>	<p><b>Supplemental Coverage:</b>  Covered for duration of the sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited dental and vision care</li> <li>Prosthetics and devices to assist mobility</li> <li>Home care and long-term care</li> <li>Services by allied health care practitioners, including clinical psychologists, occupational therapists, speech language therapists, physiotherapists</li> <li>Assistive devices, medical supplies and equipment, including orthopedic and prosthetic equipment, mobility aids, hearing aids, diabetic supplies, incontinence supplies, oxygen equipment</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescription Drug Coverage:</b>  Covered for prescription medication and other pharmacy products included in the <u>IFHP Prescription Drug Coverage Grid</u> for duration of the sponsorship</p>
PSRs under the age of 19	PSRs who are pregnant
TYPE 1	TYPE 2
<p><b>Basic Coverage</b> – covered only until qualifies for OHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-patient and out-patient services</li> <li>Services of licensed health care professionals (medical doctors, registered practitioners)</li> <li>Pre- and postnatal care</li> <li>Laboratory and diagnostic services</li> <li>Ambulance</li> </ul> <p><b>Supplemental Coverage</b> - covered for duration of the sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>limited dental and vision care</li> <li>prosthetics and devices to assist mobility</li> <li>home care and long-term care</li> <li>psychological counselling provided by a registered clinical psychologist</li> <li>post-arrival health assessments</li> <li>pre- and post-natal care</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescription Drug Coverage:</b>  Covered for prescription medication and other pharmacy products included in the <u>IFHP</u></p>	<p><b>Basic Coverage</b> – covered for the term of the pregnancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-patient and out-patient services</li> <li>Services of licensed health care professionals (medical doctors, registered practitioners)</li> <li>Pre- and postnatal care</li> <li>Laboratory and diagnostic services</li> <li>Ambulance</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescription Drug Coverage:</b>  Covered for prescription medication and other pharmacy products included in the <u>IFHP Prescription Drug Coverage Grid</u> for the term of the pregnancy</p>

Prescription Drug Coverage Grid for duration of the sponsorship and for as long as remain under 19 years of age	
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These benefits are subject to **limits** and **maximum dollar amounts**. For more information please visit:

- [IFHP Basic Coverage Benefit Grid: http://bit.ly/1oRJu4N](http://bit.ly/1oRJu4N)
- [IFHP Supplemental Benefit Grid: http://bit.ly/1xSn2Il](http://bit.ly/1xSn2Il)
- [IFHP Prescription Drug Coverage Grid: http://bit.ly/1oRJu4N](http://bit.ly/1oRJu4N)
- [IFHP Public Health and Public Safety \(PHPS\) Prescription Drug Coverage Grid: http://bit.ly/1xSnruB](http://bit.ly/1xSnruB)
- [IFH Immigration Medical Exam \(IME\) Benefit Grid: http://bit.ly/1wtgVrM](http://bit.ly/1wtgVrM)

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

IFHP is issued by local Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) offices, either by mail, email, fax or in person. To apply by mail or online, please follow CIC's instruction guide available at: [www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/ifh.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/ifh.asp). Applicants can also contact their local IFH-issuing CIC office to find out about in-person IFHP registration procedures.

For **BVORs**, contact the RAP Officer at your local CIC office about their IFHP registration procedure.

PSRs who are **pregnant** must visit an IFHP-registered health care provider (e.g. medical doctor, registered nurse, nurse practitioner or midwife licensed in Canada) who will confirm the pregnancy with the Medavie Blue Cross, before modified coverage (i.e.: Type 2) will be issued. This process entails the practitioner completing and submitting a specific form to Medavie Blue Cross for review and approval by CIC. Once approved, the CIC will issue a new IFH certificate to the client.

## FINDING A REGISTERED IFHP HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

To find a health care provider that is registered with Medavie Blue Cross and accepts IFHP insured clients, please visit the 'Search IFHP Providers' list on the Medavie Blue Cross website and select your province.

## PROCESSING CLAIMS

After determining eligibility for the service/product and the client, the health care provider will need to submit the claim for payment to Medavie Blue Cross directly within six months of the date the service was provided. More information for health care providers on the claims submission procedures and guidelines can be found in the Information Handbook for Health Care Professionals.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

IFHP related matters: [CIC\\_Inquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca](mailto:CIC_Inquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca) or [IFH-PFSI@cic.gc.ca](mailto:IFH-PFSI@cic.gc.ca)

## **FURTHER RESOURCES**

Application for IFHP: [www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/ifh.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/ifh.asp)

IFHP Summary of Benefits: [www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/outside/summary-ifhp.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/outside/summary-ifhp.asp)

Determine your eligibility and coverage type IFHP:

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/outside/arriving-healthcare/individuals/apply-who.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/outside/arriving-healthcare/individuals/apply-who.asp)

Information Handbook for Health Care Professionals (Medavie Blue Cross): <http://bit.ly/1tMUADH>