

## Government Assistance: Health Resources and Forms | Family Physicians & Nurse Practitioners

### Persons with Disabilities (PWD)

*Provincial*

For people seeking financial assistance-many supplemental benefits available.

#### PWD Eligibility

- 18 years old, with severe physical or mental impairment >2 years, significantly restricted in ADLs, require assistance with ADLs
- May work while on PWD – [annual total](#) cannot exceed [exemption limit](#) or monthly rate will be affected
- Clients use [My Self Serve](#) or request an application in person at MSDPR or call: **1-866-866-0800**

#### PWD Benefits

- An [income assistance rate](#) based on situation and the size of family
- No-deductible PharmaCare
- May be eligible to access health supplements and programs, see pg 2

#### Notes for Practitioners

- May receive benefits as a top up in addition to CPP-D, if the CPP-D falls below the provincial minimum.
- Persons who do not qualify may apply for PPMB
- Information on billing found [here](#)  
**Section 2**  
**MSP Billing Code: 96501**  
**Section 3**  
**MSP Billing Code: 96502**

### Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB)

*Provincial*

For people who have long term barriers to employment and may not overcome in the short term.

#### PPMB Eligibility

- Received *income assistance* for 12 months or over 15 consecutive months
- Medical condition is a barrier to employment for 1 yr. and likely to continue for at least 2 yrs.
- Clients use [My Self Serve](#) or request an application in person at MSDPR or call: **1-866-866-0800**

#### PPMB Benefits

- An exemption from having to work or look for work
- Premium-free MSP coverage and no-deductible PharmaCare
- May be eligible to access health supplements and programs, see pg 2
- [Income Assistance Rates](#)

#### Notes for Practitioners

- May receive provincial PPMB benefits in addition to CPP-D in the form of a top-up, if the CPP-D benefits fall below the provincial minimum.
- Information on billing found [here](#)  
**MSP Billing Code: 96503**

### Canada Pension Plan Disability (CPP-D)

*Federal*

For people who have made CPP contributions and unable to work due to disability.

#### CPP-D Eligibility

- Have a physical or mental impairment that is both severe and prolonged and prevents working at any job
- Under age 65
- Meet the minimum CPP contribution requirements
- The [application](#) for CPP disability benefits

#### CPP-D Benefits

- A monthly CPP disability pension that varies depending on how much and how long CPP contributions have been made
- Does not provide additional payments for prescription drugs, medical supplies, assistive devices or other health-related services

#### Notes for Practitioners

- If patient can still work on a regular basis, they will not likely qualify for CPP disability benefits
- CPP-D application should be attempted before provincial programs. If not eligible, proceed directly to PWD
- [Billing information](#)

### Disability Tax Credit

*Federal*

Non-refundable tax credit for persons with prolonged and persistent disabilities.

#### Disability Tax Credit Eligibility

- One of the following: Blind, or markedly restricted in at least one of the basic activities of daily living, or significantly restricted in two or more of the basic activities of daily living, or needs life-sustaining therapy
- Link to application found [here](#)

#### Disability Tax Credit Benefits

- Maximum disability amounts can be found [here](#)
- CRA may approve the DTC certificate indefinitely or for a shorter, specified period

#### Notes for Practitioners

- Impairment meets **all** of the following:
  - Be prolonged (the impairment has lasted, or is expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months)
  - Be present substantially all the time (at least 90% of the time)
- Not billable to MSP

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### Additional Provincial Resources

### MSDPR: Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Provincial

### Additional Federal Resources

### Additional Health Resources Indigenous Health, Mental Health, Addictions

#### Provincial Links

- [Disability Alliance BC](#)
- [Health Supplements and Programs](#)
  - [Alternative Hearing Assistance Supplement](#)
  - [Dental & Orthodontic Services](#)
  - [Diet Supplements](#)
  - [Extended Medical Therapies](#)
  - [Healthy Kids](#)
  - [Life-Threatening Health Needs](#)
  - [Medical Equipment & Devices](#)
  - [Medical Equipment - Breathing Devices](#)
  - [Medical Equipment - Hearing Instruments](#)
  - [Orthoses](#)
  - [Medical Supplies](#)
  - [Medical Transportation](#)
  - [Monthly Nutritional Supplement](#)
  - [Natal Supplement](#)
  - [Nutritional Supplements](#)
  - [Optical Services](#)
  - [PharmaCare](#)
  - [Supplement for Alcohol & Drug Treatment](#)
  - [Transitional Health Services](#)
  - [Tube Feed Supplement](#)
- [Hardship Assistance](#) – My Self Serve to apply

#### Reasons for Clients to Visit MSDPR

- Pick up appropriate applications
- Provide pay stub for income assistance
- Follow up
- [General Supplements and Programs](#) – MSDPR to apply

#### Applications Require Signature of Practitioner:

- Patients need to pick up these forms from a MSDPR office:
  - PWD
  - PPMB
  - Medical Equipment Request
  - Monthly Nutritional Supplement
    - **MSP Billing Code: 96400**
  - Breathing Request Device
  - Medical Report Employability
    - **MSP Billing Code: 96504**
  - Medical Report Child
    - **MSP Billing Code: 96505**

#### MSDPR Contact

- For provincial social and economic needs of individuals (income assistance, disability, employment, bus pass)
- Clients bring at least one piece of ID
- 1-866-866-0800

#### Federal Links

- [Government of Canada](#)
- [Sickness Employment Insurance](#)
- [Compassionate Care – medical certificate](#)
- [Caregiving Employment Insurance – medical certificate](#)
- [Maternity/Parental Leave](#)
- [Terminal illness applications](#)
- [Employment Insurance](#)
- [Federal Income](#): Old Age Security (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), Canadian Pension Plan (CPP)
  - Individuals will receive mail from Service Canada for automatic OAS enrollment a month after turning 64 years old
  - If mail arrives saying one is eligible, apply right away.
  - If mail does not come, apply right away for pension

#### Service Canada Contact

- Service Canada manages all federal benefits
- Clients visiting service branches should arrive early with at least one piece of ID

#### Accessing Social Workers in BC

- [bc.findasocialworker.ca](#)
- Health units or mental health teams, can be reached through central intake per health authority
- Specific service providers and organizations may have social workers as part of their team - contact the organization directly
- [Community Living BC](#)

#### Indigenous Health

- [Vancouver Native Health Services](#) – 604 254-9949
- **Mental Health**
- [BC Children's Hospital Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre](#): 1-800-665-1822 or 604-875-2084
- Mental Health Support Line: 310-6789 (do not add area code in front)
- Crisis Centre: 1-800-784-2433
- Kid's Help Phone - Counsellors available 24/7: 1-800-668-6868

#### Addictions

- [British Columbia Centre on Substance Use](#)
- RACE - Addiction Specialists: 1 (877) 696-2131 or 604-696-2131
- BC Alcohol and Drug Referral Service: 1 (800) 663-1441 or 604-660-9382

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