

The Beneplan Compassionate Drug Assistance Program



Access
to Drug
Advocate



Guidance
applying to
Provincial
Drug Plans



Navigator to
find financial
assistance

Beneplan is proud to introduce a new program, designed to help individuals who are on expensive medications. This program allows Beneplan members complimentary access to a Drug Advocate, who specializes in navigating all sources of financial assistance to minimize the patient's out-of-pocket costs.

Why is this necessary?

The number of Canadians with very expensive medications is growing. Some medicines can cost tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars per year.

At the same time, most benefit plans now have some sort of limit: either an annual maximum, or, an amount that the individual has to pay out of their own pocket, called a "co-pay" or "deductible."

Although the insurance industry has created a solution called the EP3 drug pool, we find that this is actually more helpful to insurance companies, and does not do much to minimize costs for employers or employees.

Therefore, Beneplan has pioneered the *Compassionate Drug Assistance Program* in order to help plan members fill in any gaps in coverage.





What does this program involve?

All Beneplan members are now eligible to access this service, at no cost:



Members would be active employees with a member organization at the time of request;



Members would be currently on a medication that is very expensive in proportion to their income; and,



Members would have some sort of limit on their benefit plan drug coverage.

The member would then call Beneplan at 1-800-387-1670, push 0 and ask to be connected to the Drug Advocate. Or, they can email their Beneplan representative to get started.

The Drug Advocate would then speak to the member to identify any gaps in coverage. The Drug Advocate would identify sources of funding based on the member's situation, and liaise with all sources in tandem with the member.

Contacting Beneplan for information is easy.

Dial 1-800-387-1670 or email drugadvocate@beneplan.ca



Sounds great! What's the catch?



There's no catch – Beneplan funds this program in order to improve the patient experience of its co-operative members.

This program is not designed to cover any amounts that the member is required to cost-share, based on their own company's policy or collective agreement. This may include, but is not limited to, payroll deductions or group benefit deductibles as per the written policy.

Please contact your Beneplan advisor, email drugadvocate@beneplan.ca or call 1-800-387-1670 for more information.