FNHA Health Benefits Shingrix® Coverage

Shingrix® Vaccine is covered for FNHA clients aged 65 to 69 years old.

Effective February 17, 2020, Shingrix® (DIN 02468425) and Injection Fee for pharmacist administration of Shingrix® (PIN 66123642) will be is listed on FNHA’s Supplementary Drug Formulary that adjudicates through Pacific Blue Cross (PBC).

Coverage Criteria for Shingrix®

- FNHA client 65 to 69 years old.
- Lifetime limit of two doses.

Assessing Shingrix® Appropriateness

Pharmacists may assess the appropriateness of Shingrix® for patients and determine if the intended use qualifies as Schedule II product (https://www.bcpharmacists.org/readlinks/call-schedule-2-vaccine-explained) or requires a prescription.

If provided as a Schedule II product, the pharmacist must document the following:

- Patient Name
- Date
- Name of drug and strength
- Indication
- Quantity
- Dosing instructions
- Name and signature of pharmacist imitating the treatment

Processing the Shingrix® claim

Each dose of Shingrix® should be claimed separately at or around the time of administration. Claims for the Shingrix® Injection Fee are only eligible if there is an existing approved Shingrix® vaccine claim for the same date of service. Pharmacies must ensure to submit the claim for the vaccine before submitting the claim for the injection fee.
Submitting the Claim for Shingrix®

- If dispensing as a schedule II product, process the claim through PharmaNet using your College of Pharmacists of BC ID in the prescriber field. Refer to the FNHA Pharmacy Fee Supplement for documentation requirements for pharmacist initiated non-prescription drugs.
- Claims for Shingrix® DIN 02468425 should be submitted with your usual and customary drug cost and dispensing fee.
- Submit the drug claim using DIN 02468425 through Pharmacare and then to PBC as a secondary payor. Please see PBC Provider Guide for how to set up the client’s plan and billing Information.

Submitting the Claim for Pharmacist administration of Shingrix®

- If the pharmacist is administering the vaccine to the FNHA client, a $10 Injection Fee can be claimed by the pharmacy.
- The $10 Shingrix® Injection Fee should be submitted using BC PharmaCare’s FNHA Shingrix Non-benefit PIN 66123642 to both PharmaCare and Pacific Blue Cross.
- Process the claim using the College of Pharmacists of BC ID for the pharmacist administering the Shingrix® vaccine as the prescriber ID.
- The Shingrix® Injection Fee should be submitted with a $0 drug cost and a $10 dispensing fee.
- The Shingrix® Injection fee is eligible when there has been a paid claim for Shingrix® on the same date of service.

Exceptional Requests

Requests for exceptional coverage for clients who do not meet the above criteria are reviewed on a case-by-case basis when request is submitted in writing and supported by medical documentation from a primary care provider. Clients can contact FNHA 1-855-550-5454 for more information.

Working with the local First Nations Health Service Organizations

Most First Nations communities run public health immunization programs and have staff who are certified immunizer(s), such as a community health nurse.

FNHA is encouraging First Nations Health Service Organizations to work with their local community pharmacies to support Shingrix® access for Elders aged 65 to 69 years old. This may include supporting in-person visits to the pharmacy; providing the client’s vaccine to a nurse for injection; or in some cases, by invitation for a pharmacist to participate in a vaccine clinic in the First Nations’ community.

In cases where the pharmacist is dispensing Shingrix® to the client for an injection administrated by a community health nurse, the pharmacist and nurse should determine a process that meets their the regulatory and program requirements; and maintains cold-chain (e.g., avoids having the client or nurse hold the vaccine for extended amounts of time).