



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

First Nations Health Benefits Shingrix® Coverage

The Shingrix® Vaccine is covered for First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) clients aged 60 years old and above. Shingrix® (DIN 02468425) is listed on [FNHA's Supplementary Drug Formulary](#) that adjudicates through Pacific Blue Cross (PBC).

Coverage Criteria for Shingrix®:

- FNHA client is 60 years old or older.
- 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 a Schedule II product (<https://www.bcpharmacists.org/readlinks/call-schedule-2-vaccine-explained>) or if it requires a prescription.

If the Shingrix® vaccine is dispensed 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 initiating the treatment

Processing the Shingrix® claim

Each dose of Shingrix® should be claimed separately at or around the time of administration.

Submitting the Claim for Shingrix® as a Schedule II Product

- Process the claim through PharmaNet using your College of Pharmacists of British Columbia (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 the [PBC Provider Guide](#) for how to set up the client's plan and billing Information.

Submitting the Claim for Pharmacist Administration of Shingrix®

- Pharmacies in BC: Please refer to the [PharmaCare Policy Manual Section 8.10: Pharmacist administration of drugs and vaccines](#) for claiming a fee for administering the vaccine.

Exceptional Requests

Requests for exceptional coverage for clients who do not meet the above criteria are reviewed on a case-by-case basis:

- Provider must complete the [FNHA Shingrix® Exception Request Form](#) and fax: 1-888-299-9222 for review.
- Decision will be sent to submitting provider and the client's pharmacy.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding a case, please call the FNHA Health Benefits at 1-855-550-5454.

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 (CHN).

The FNHA is encouraging First Nations Health Service Organizations to work with their local community pharmacies to support Shingrix® vaccination for Elders aged 60 and above. This may include 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 administered by a community health nurse, *the pharmacist, and nurse should determine a process that meets their regulatory and program requirements, and maintains cold chain* (e.g., avoids having the client or nurse hold the vaccine for extended amounts of time).