

# Attention Respiratory Therapists: New Medical Supplies & Equipment Benefits Plan for Clients of the First Nations Health Authority

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) has transitioned the administration of its medical supplies and equipment (MS&E) benefits to BC-based benefits provider, Pacific Blue Cross (PBC).

## What's New?

Submit all new MS&E claims and pre-determinations (PDs) for FNHA clients to PBC using the policy number 40000. Member ID numbers will be the same as clients' Status Numbers.

## **Respiratory (MS&E) Benefits Plan Highlights**

If a client is eligible, a CPAP (fixed) with integrated humidifier is available every 5 years with a limit of \$1,375. If a client is eligible, Auto CPAP (APAP) with integrated humidifier, is also available every 5 years with a limit of \$1,700.

PDs are required for clients who need sleep apnea devices. For benefits that require PDs, PBC will accept paper PD forms submitted by mail (PO Box 7000, Vancouver, BC V6B 4E1) or fax (for FNHA clients only: 604-677-0277).

Please support FNHA clients in obtaining all the required documentation, which may include prescriptions, medical documentation and a completed and signed PD form.

## What do I need to do?

### **Register with PBC**

PBC-registered providers can log in to the online portal, PROVIDERnet, where they can directly bill PBC and check client benefit coverage. The online portal provides a streamlined adjudication process for greater efficiency.

If you are registered through one of PBC's sister organizations, such as Medavie Blue Cross, please note that the two are not connected for the administration of the FNHA MS&E benefits. Please visit [pac.bluecross.ca/provider](http://pac.bluecross.ca/provider) and register with PBC.

### **Review Resources**

FNHA and PBC have posted resources on their websites. Please review the following documents to find further information about how to submit claims, check eligibility and find details about the FNHA MS&E benefits plan:

- [PBC Medical Supplies & Equipment Provider Reference Guide](#)
- [Medical Supplies & Equipment Fee Supplement for Clients of the FNHA](#)

## What number do I call?

If you need assistance, please call PBC at 604-419-2000 or toll-free at 1 877-PAC-BLUE (1-877-722-2583). For questions about the Reference Guide and Fee Supplements and how to log in to PROVIDERnet, visit [pac.bluecross.ca/provider](http://pac.bluecross.ca/provider).



## Questions about claiming or registration?

Call us toll-free at 1.855.550.5454

Visit [pac.bluecross.ca/provider](http://pac.bluecross.ca/provider)



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