

Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors): Summary of public drug coverage available for persons not on social assistance in each province in 2014

	Residents age 55 to 64	Residents age 65 and older
BC	Income-based, catastrophic drug coverage	Income-based, catastrophic drug coverage
AB	Optional insurance-based coverage (with premiums and co-payments)	Full coverage (with co-payments)
SK	Income-based, catastrophic drug coverage	Income-tested, full coverage (with co-payments)
MB	Income-based, catastrophic drug coverage	Income-based, catastrophic drug coverage
ON	Income-based, catastrophic drug coverage	Full coverage (with co-payments)
QC	Mandatory private insurance or insurance-based public coverage (with premiums and co-payments)	Mandatory, insurance-based public coverage (with premiums and co-payments)
NB	Optional insurance-based coverage (with premiums and co-payments)	Income-tested, full coverage (with co-payments)
NS	Optional insurance-based coverage (with premiums and co-payments)	Insurance-tested, full coverage (with co-payments)
PE	Income-based, catastrophic drug coverage	Full coverage (with co-payments)
NL	Income-based, catastrophic drug coverage	Income-tested, full coverage (with co-payments)

Notes: all provinces offer coverage for persons on social assistance. Income-based, catastrophic drug coverage programs require patients to finance drug costs below deductibles set as a percentage of household income (varying by province). Income-based, full coverage plans are plans offered only to households with incomes below specified levels. Insurance-based programs are programs that require patients to pay premiums as well as deductibles and/or co-payments. Insurance-tested programs are programs only available to households who have no private insurance coverage.

Source: Barnes S, Anderson L. "Low Earnings, Unfilled Prescriptions" Toronto: Wellesley Institute; July 2015.