



First Nations Health Authority  
Health through wellness

## **FNHA Health Benefits Shingrix® Coverage**

The Shingrix® Vaccine is covered for FNHA clients aged 65 years old and above.

Effective February 1, 2021, Shingrix® (DIN 02468425) and an Injection Fee for pharmacist administration of Shingrix® (PIN 66123642) is listed on [FNHA's Supplementary Drug Formulary](#) that adjudicates through Pacific Blue Cross (PBC).

### **Coverage Criteria for Shingrix®:**

- FNHA client is 65 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. 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 submit the claim for the vaccine before submitting the claim for the injection fee.

### Submitting the Claim for Shingrix® 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 the [PBC Provider Guide](#) for how to set up the client's plan and billing Information.

### Submitting the Claim for Pharmacist administration of Shingrix®

- If a pharmacist is administering the vaccine to the FNHA client, a \$12.10 Injection Fee can be claimed by the pharmacy.
- The \$12.10 Shingrix® Injection Fee should be submitted using the BC PharmaCare *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 \$12.10 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 the request is submitted in writing and supported by medical documentation from a primary care provider. Clients can contact FNHA Health Benefits at 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 Elders aged 65 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).