

# Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits Program

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## Eligibility

MCR: 2001/2002—436

- Must be registered as a Mohawk of Akwesasne (band number beginning with 159)
- Must have a valid provincial health card
- Must be a resident of Canada



**REMINDER:** Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits Program is the payer of last resort. **Your private insurance must be utilized first.**

## If You Paid Out of Pocket

Steps to follow for **reimbursement:**

1. Find specific criteria or limitations on ANIHB benefits by contacting the ANIHB to verify benefit coverage before making the purchase or receiving the service.
2. Fill out the NIHB Client Reimbursement form
3. Mail in the completed and **signed form** along with proof of payment and any supporting information.



**Note:** The claim must be received within one year from the date of service or purchase to be eligible for payment.

## Services and Benefits

### VISION CARE



#### Ontario Region Only

- Eyeglasses prescribed by a vision care professional
- Eye Examinations

#### Frequency Guidelines:

- 1-17yrs & 65yrs+ old: 1 frame per year
- 18-64years old: 1 frame per 2 years

For vision care outside of Ontario Region please contact the NIHB Regional Office:

[www.canada.gc.ca/nihb](http://www.canada.gc.ca/nihb)

### DENTAL CARE



- Preventative services: polishing, scaling, exams, radiographs (x-rays)
- Restorative Services: fillings, crowns
- Orthodontic Services: Braces (0-17yrs)
- Dentures, extractions, root canal treatments

For a full list of eligible benefits please refer to the Akwesasne Dental Benefit Grid at:

[www.akwesasne.ca](http://www.akwesasne.ca)

### MEDICAL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT



- Pressure garments & compression stockings
- Medical supplies (eg. Dressings & bandages)
- Medical equipment (eg, walkers, wheelchairs)
- Orthotics and custom footwear
- Oxygen supplies and equipment
- Hearing aids

For a full list of eligible benefits please refer to:

[www.canada.gc.ca/nihb](http://www.canada.gc.ca/nihb)

### PHARMACY BENEFITS



- Prescription & over-the-counter medications
- Exception drugs (medications that require Prior Approval)

For a full list of eligible benefits please refer to the NIHB Drug Benefit List at: [www.canada.gc.ca/nihb](http://www.canada.gc.ca/nihb)

#### Steps for Exception Drugs:

- Obtain prescription
- Go to pharmacist. The pharmacist will contact the ANIHB to obtain a Prior Approval
- The ANIHB will process the request and your pharmacist will contact you when the decision is made

### MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION



#### Ontario & Catchment Area Only

**Note:** Contact ANIHB 2 weeks prior to your scheduled appointment

- Travel cost and living expenses if needed (meal and accommodations) for medically necessary health services **that are not available in your area of residence: to the nearest professional.**
- Medically necessary health services include: appointments with physicians, hospital care & medical treatments
- Emergency transportation (eg ambulance)

For Medical Transportation outside of the catchment area please contact the regional office at:

[www.canada.gc.ca/nihb](http://www.canada.gc.ca/nihb)

## Services that are not covered

- Medical Bills outside of Canada
- Dental Implants
- Medical Marijuana
- Fertility Medications
- Weight-loss Medications
- Federal or Provincial Benefits (benefits eligible through your Health Card)
- Cosmetic Procedures
- Transportation for personal errands
- Vehicle repairs / home renovations
- Claims submitted to ANIHB after one year from the date of service or purchase

## Appeals

If a benefit has been denied by the ANIHB, you may appeal the decision.



#### Appeal Steps:

1. Fill out the ANIHB Appeal Form
2. Mail (or drop off) the completed and **signed form** along with supporting documentation.

Supporting documentation may include:

- Coverage or denial from Private insurance
- Medical justification from a medical professional
- A full treatment plan with costs
- Lab results within 6 months (for Pharmacy Appeals)

**For more information please visit us at:**  
[akwesasne.ca/health/akwesasne-non-insured-health-benefits/](http://akwesasne.ca/health/akwesasne-non-insured-health-benefits/)