
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PROFESSIONALS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO DETAINEES

Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP)

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) recently announced that, as of June 30, 2012, there will be significant changes to the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP), which will affect the benefits provided to all current and future beneficiaries.

The coverage for detainees has been adjusted to reflect the changes to the Program.

- Detainees continue to be covered for hospital, physician, nursing, laboratory, and diagnostic and ambulance services.
- Detainees continue to have access to benefits which are no longer covered for other beneficiaries, such as:
 - Emergency Dental Services,
 - Ostomy and Surgical Supplies, and
 - Assistive Devices for Administering Medicines/Diabetic Supplies.
- Also, for detainees only, pharmacies will continue to follow the formularies of provincial public drug plans.

A new benefit grid (with new codes) which defines the benefits available for detainees under the new program is included with this bulletin. This benefit grid and the revised IFHP Information Handbook for Health Care Professionals will be available through the secure provider web portal at <https://provider.medavie.bluecross.ca>.

The procedures outlined in the IFHP Information Handbook for Health Care Professionals continue to apply for claims incurred by detainees.

For additional information on the changes to the Interim Federal Health Program, please visit the CIC website at www.cic.gc.ca/ifhp. If you have any questions, please call the Medavie Blue Cross Contact Centre at 1-888-614-1880.

NOTE: The benefits listed in this bulletin apply exclusively to clients who are in a Canada Border Service Agency Immigration Holding Centre or otherwise detained under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Detainees) and not to any other client group.

