

**Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP)
Important Information for All
Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) Providers
Changes To The IFHP Health Care Coverage for Pregnant Women**

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Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) wishes to advise you that temporary measures will be implemented in regards to the IFHP benefits for pregnant women effective **November 5, 2014** while they appeal the July 4, 2014 Federal Court decision concerning the IFHP.

All pregnant women eligible for the IFHP will receive coverage for hospital, physicians and nursing services, as well as for diagnostic tests and screenings normally required as part of prenatal care, labor, delivery and postnatal care. These services will be covered under the IFHP Basic Coverage. In addition, this group of beneficiaries will have coverage for prescription medications under the IFHP Prescription Drug Coverage. Please consult the benefit grids and IFHP Information Handbook for Health Care Professionals at <https://provider.medavie.bluecross.ca> for further details.

These health care services and products will be available to women who have a current eligibility under IFHP Type 1, 2 and 5 (detainees). If their current coverage is Type 3 or Type 4, a special request can be made to modify their client coverage to IFHP Type 2 coverage for pregnant women. This request can be submitted by an MD, RN, NP or a Midwife licensed in Canada and registered with the IFHP. The form *Type 2 Coverage Request for Pregnant Women with IFH Coverage Type 3 or 4* is available at <https://provider.medavie.bluecross.ca> under the Forms and Agreements section.

Client's IFH eligibility must be verified with Medavie Blue Cross before submitting a special request or rendering the service.

Please Note: The secure provider web portal will not be available from November 5, 2014 until further notice as we update our systems. To verify client eligibility, providers must call Medavie Blue Cross Contact Centre at 1-888-614-1880.

For additional information on the changes to the Interim Federal Health Program, please visit the CIC website at www.cic.gc.ca/ifhp.

Please share this information with the members of your Association. Should you or your members have any questions or concerns, or require more information regarding the IFHP or Medavie Blue Cross, please call our Customer Information Centre at 1-888-614-1880 or e-mail CIC_Inquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca. You may also access the Medavie Blue Cross website at <https://provider.medavie.bluecross.ca> to view Guides, Bulletins and other important information regarding the Interim Federal Health Program.