



Pharmacy update

Prince Edward Island

April 2025

Recently the Government of Canada and the province of Prince Edward Island (PEI) announced their bilateral pharmacare agreement effective **May 1st, 2025**. This program will become the universal, single payer for certain prescription contraceptives and diabetes medications for eligible PEI residents (please see Health Canada website for details).

GreenShield is aligning with PEI pharmacare and their bilateral agreement, while allowing a grace period until **August 1st, 2025**, for existing claimants to transition to these covered medications. All existing claimants will be targeted by individual mail ordered letters.

A plan member's specific DIN may not be covered by pharmacare, but their category of drug has covered options available. In this case, we are allowing this grace period for patients to consult their doctor to switch to a pharmacare covered DIN.

Please note, all new claimants as of **May 1st, 2025**, will not be given a grace period and are expected to seek coverage for these medications through the pharmacare program. Please expect the following response codes for claimants:

Existing claimants (effective date: **August 1st, 2025**): Response code: D1-DIN/PIN/GP#/SSC not a benefit

New claimants (effective date: **May 1st, 2025**): Response code: D1-DIN/PIN/GP#/SSC not a benefit