

Funding Parameters for Breast Prosthesis

If you have private insurance, you may be eligible for coverage of [breast prostheses](#). Contact your provider directly to find out what your specific plan includes, including coverage for prosthetic devices and related garments.

ALBERTA

The [Alberta Aids to Daily Living \(AADL\)](#) Cost-Share Program provides funding for:

- Full breast prostheses
- Partial breast prostheses
- Fitter fees for eligible clients

To qualify, prostheses must be purchased from an [approved vendor](#).

Coverage frequency: One breast prosthesis every 3 years

Client contribution: 25% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$500 per family per benefit year (July 1 to June 30)

You may be exempt from the cost-share if you:

- Are 65 or older
- Receive benefits from Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), Income Support, Alberta Adult Health Benefit (AAHB), or similar programs
- Have a low income (e.g., under \$20,970 for a single person)

To request an exemption, [submit a cost-share exemption application](#).

Clients may also request early replacement if medically necessary through a quantity and frequency review. Appeals are available for denied requests or financial hardship.

For full program details: Download the [AADL Manual](#).

BRITISH COLUMBIA

In British Columbia, [PharmaCare](#) provides partial coverage for breast prostheses after [mastectomy](#) or [lumpectomy](#), when purchased from an approved provider.

Coverage frequency: One prosthesis every 2 years or at the end of the manufacturer's warranty

Funding amount: Up to \$450 after mastectomy or \$350 after lumpectomy

Eligibility: You must be enrolled in a PharmaCare plan (e.g., Fair PharmaCare, Plan B, C, or F) *before* receiving your device

Most prostheses do not require pre-approval, but limits and deductibles may apply. Your provider will help assess your needs and manage any necessary forms.

For full program details:

- Visit the [PharmaCare website](#)
- Download the [BC PharmaCare Prosthetic and Orthotic Coverage Info Sheet \(PDF\)](#)

MANITOBA

The Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program provides partial funding for breast prostheses and surgical bras.

Eligibility includes:

- Being a Manitoba resident
- Having had a mastectomy or surgery resulting in significant breast tissue loss
- Not being covered by another provincial or federal program

Prostheses must be purchased from an approved retail supplier with a prescription from a Manitoba healthcare provider. Two benefit options are available:

- **Option 1 (every 2 years):** Up to \$400 per prosthesis and \$50 for one bra
- **Option 2 (every 4 years):** Up to \$800 per prosthesis and \$100 for two bras (prosthesis must have a 4-year warranty)

You are responsible for any costs that exceed the maximum benefit amount

For full program details:

- Visit the [Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program](#).
- Download the [Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program Brochure \(PDF\)](#)

NEW BRUNSWICK

The New Brunswick Prosthetic Program covers breast prostheses and one bra every two years at no cost for eligible residents.

You may qualify if you:

- Are a client (or dependent) of the Department of Social Development
- Have special health needs and qualify under Section 4.4 of the *Family Income Security Act*
- Hold a valid white or yellow Health Services Card with specific eligibility markings

Support may also be available if you have partial coverage but face financial hardship.

For more information, visit the [New Brunswick Health Services website](#).

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Currently, there is no known provincial program offering coverage for breast prostheses in Newfoundland and Labrador.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

There is no known territorial program currently offering coverage for breast prostheses in the Northwest Territories.

NOVA SCOTIA

In Nova Scotia, residents may be eligible for:

- **Standard rebate:** Up to \$300 per prosthesis, once every 2 years
- **Additional support:** For households with an income under \$30,000 per year:
 - Up to \$450 per prosthesis (maximum \$750 every 2 years)
 - \$75 toward a supporting bra every 2 years

You must use an approved provider, submit claims within 180 days of service, and a physician referral is typically required.

Download the [application form \(PDF\)](#)

NUNAVUT

There is currently no publicly funded breast prosthesis coverage available in Nunavut.

ONTARIO

Ontario residents with a valid health card who have had a mastectomy, lumpectomy, or were born with a breast deformity are eligible for coverage under the Assistive Devices Program (ADP).

If your application is approved, you can receive:

- \$195 for one full-breast prosthesis
- \$390 for two full-breast prostheses
- \$105 for one partial-breast prosthesis
- \$210 for two partial-breast prostheses

Prostheses are covered for replacement due to changes in body size or normal wear and tear, but not for loss or damage from misuse.

Individuals receiving financial support from Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program may be eligible for full coverage.

How to Apply:

1. Find a Certified Retailer
2. Purchase the Prosthesis
3. [Complete the Application](#)
4. Mail the Form to:
Assistive Devices Program

7th Floor, 5700 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario M2M 4K5

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (PEI)

The PEI Breast Prosthesis Program offers individuals who have undergone breast surgery a free initial prosthesis and adapted bra (valued at approximately \$400).

To access this benefit:

- Contact the Mastectomy Prosthesis Consultant: Call Eileen Moore at 902-892-4556
- Schedule a fitting: Appointments are held at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) six weeks after surgery

For more information, visit [Health PEI – Financial Support](#)

QUEBEC

The External Breastforms Program provides reimbursement for breast prostheses every 24 months, per breast, for those covered by the Québec Health Insurance Plan.

You may qualify if you:

- Have had a total, radical, or partial mastectomy
- Are age 14 or older and have been diagnosed with breast aplasia

Coverage Frequency: Up to \$525 for a full breastform and up to \$310 for a partial breastform

Prostheses must be purchased from a business established in Québec. Applications are submitted online, and processing typically takes up to 50 working days.

For more information, visit the [RAMQ website](#).

SASKATCHEWAN

There is currently no known provincial coverage for breast prostheses in Saskatchewan.

YUKON

There is currently no known territorial coverage for breast prostheses in Yukon.

Other Options

If you are unable to access a prosthesis through a provincial program, the Canadian Cancer Society may be able to help. While they do not provide full prostheses (due to the need for in-person fittings), they offer free accessories such as puffs and bras to those in need. These can serve as temporary solutions at no cost.

For more information or to request support, call the Canadian Cancer Society at 1-888-939-3333 or visit their [Wig and Breast Prosthesis Service](#) to complete a [Breast Accessory Request Form](#).

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