

YOUR NEW FIRST NATIONS **HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM:**

Dental, Vision and Medical Supplies & Equipment (MS&E)

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) engaged with First Nations communities and health care providers across the province to learn how we can improve dental, vision and MS&E benefits to support the wellness journey of First Nations people in BC.

YOUR NEW PLAN launching Sept. 16, 2019

FNHA has partnered with non-profit, BCbased health benefits organization Pacific Blue Cross to administer dental, vision and MS&E benefits.



PLAN HIGHLIGHTS



Higher limits and no pre-approval needed for routine eye exams and eyewear



Dental fee guide in line with BC industry standards



Faster pre-approval decisions for MS&E, vision and dental special needs



Pay-direct claims at most dental offices and participating optical stores



Online and mobile app claims



Reimbursement in as little as 48 hours for claims paid out of pocket



Ability to check your coverage and limits online 24/7

Questions? Your local FNHA Health Benefits Community Relations Representative would be happy to help you.



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The FNHA provides other benefits to meet health needs not covered by provincial or third-party health insurance. These include medical transportation, mental health support, and pharmacy benefits through BC PharmaCare Plan W.

Learn more about your FNHA benefits at: www.fnha.ca/benefits

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Focus groups across all 5 regions, and a Health **Directors survey**

Communities represented in focus groups

lines of feedback collected



of health care provider group interviews conducted — dental, vision, MS&E, pharmacy

of provider colleges & associations who received **information** on our commitment to promoting cultural safety and humility

of health regulatory bodies that signed the FNHA Declaration of Commitment on Cultural Safety and Humility

WHAT WE HEARD: TOP COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

enhance coverage, frequency and flexibility

improve provider service, education and cultural safety

better communication and engagement

faster and easier pre-approval process

"Things will move at the speed of trust."

"Providers are not willing to direct bill as it takes too long, is complicated, and slow."

—Ktunaxa Focus Group

"Some dentists won't see clients because of the amount of paperwork and because they won't get the rate they normally charge."

—Cowichan Tribes Focus Group

"There needs to be better

"Some concerns were expressed about being able to access quality eye exams and eyeglasses."

—Skawahlook Focus Group