

Plagiocephaly Helmet Coverage

Has your baby been diagnosed with plagiocephaly, brachycephaly or craniosynostosis? If so, PharmaCare may help to cover the cost of a helmet for your baby.

About the coverage available

If your family is covered by PharmaCare, you may be able to get help with the cost of a helmet to treat plagiocephaly, brachycephaly or craniosynostosis.

How to get help paying for your baby's helmet

- 1 Make sure you have PharmaCare coverage.** Every B.C. resident should register for Fair PharmaCare, even if you're covered for some items by other plans. Register by visiting <https://my.gov.bc.ca/ahdc> 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or call the numbers on the next page.
- 2 Find out if you need pre-approval.** If your baby meets the requirements below, PharmaCare can help you pay for the helmet—no pre-approval is required. Your orthotist just needs to complete a [PharmaCare Orthotic Benefits—Plagiocephaly Helmet \(HLTH 5450\)](#) form, which you will sign.

If a baby has	PharmaCare pre-approval is not needed if the baby...
plagiocephaly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• is between the ages of 5 months and one year at the start of helmet treatment, and• has a cranial vault asymmetry index (CVAI) of 6.25% or more*
brachycephaly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• is between the ages of 5 months and one year at the start of helmet treatment, and• has a cranial index (CI) of 95% or more*
craniosynostosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• is between the ages of 4 months and one year at the start of helmet treatment, and• has had surgery for the condition, and• has a written referral or prescription for the helmet from a pediatric neurosurgeon, and• has had a post-operative helmet cast or scan

* Measurements must be made by a certified orthotist.

If your baby does not meet the requirements above, you will need to apply for PharmaCare approval for coverage before you order the helmet. In this case, your orthotist will send PharmaCare an [Orthotic Benefits—Application for Financial Assistance \(HLTH 5400\)](#) form. PharmaCare will let your orthotist know if the application is approved.

- ③ **Order the helmet.** Depending on your PharmaCare plan details, PharmaCare may cover some or all of the cost. Ask your orthotist if they can help submit the claim. Even if you're eligible for coverage, you may have to pay for the helmet initially and get reimbursed after PharmaCare processes your claim.

Submitting the claim yourself? Send it in before March 31 of the year following the year you purchased the helmet. Learn more at www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/manual-claims

PharmaCare coverage varies

PharmaCare could help you pay for some or all of the cost of your baby's assessment, helmet, and follow-up. The amount of help you get depends on the rules of your family's (or baby's) PharmaCare plan, including which plan you're covered by and any annual deductible or family maximum amounts that apply.

Questions?

Call us Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm and Saturday 8 am to 4 pm (closed Sundays and statutory holidays)

- From Vancouver: 604-683-7151
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