

Introducing the Medical Cannabis Program — trusted services, reliable resources, high-quality products

The Medical Cannabis Program offers employees with eligible health conditions access to high-quality cannabis products as well as the guidance, advice, and support they need to safely get their condition under control. Supporting the use of medical cannabis can help keep a workforce productive while giving employees the opportunity to choose the treatment option that works best for them.

The Medical Cannabis Program has its benefits:

EMPLOYERS

provide a valuable benefit while controlling costs



FLEXIBLE

Employers can set the medical cannabis benefit to the levels of coverage they desire



VERIFIED

Only patients with eligible medical conditions and appropriate documents have access

EMPLOYEES

are connected with a comprehensive and effective program



FULL-SERVICE

Everything needed from prescription to treatment management is all in one place



HIGH-QUALITY

All products come from a trusted source and are distributed responsibly



SUPPORTED

Employees can connect with highly trained medical cannabis advisors for continuous guidance, advice, and support



ONLINE ADJUDICATION

Real-time claims processing minimizes out-of-pocket costs and helps avoid delays in administrative payments



There's a growing demand for medical cannabis coverage



64% of plan members



45% of plan sponsors

agree medical cannabis should be covered by their health benefit plan¹

and



20% of Canadian employees

would use medical cannabis if it were covered by their health benefit plan²

Providing coverage for medical cannabis gives employees access to another treatment option to effectively manage their medical conditions, helping to keep them productive at work while offering a valuable benefit.

The ins and outs of the program



Select licensed producers

Only high-quality and consistent products are distributed under the ShoppersTM brand.



Available products

An up-to-date formulary of cannabis products supported by ShoppersTM is managed and consistently updated.



Prior authorization management program

Pharmacists
continuously evaluate
medical literature to
determine eligible
medical conditions
to be added to
the program.*



Case management

The Shoppers™
Cannabis Care
Advisor will support
patients in selecting
the appropriate
products, amounts,
and accessories best
suited to their medical
condition and personal
preference.



Online adjudication

Coinsurance amounts can be directly billed to the employee's plan. Available with leading pharmacy benefit managers.

Discover the benefit of the first full-service Medical Cannabis Program in Canada that offers comprehensive services.

To add this program, please contact our Business Development Team at saleshealthsolutions@shoppersdrugmart.ca.

* The Medical Cannabis Program can also integrate with any insurer that does Prior Authorization (PA). Employees transition directly to the support by the Cannabis Care Advisors.

References

1. The Sanofi Canada Healthcare Survey. 2019. 2. The Sanofi Canada Healthcare Survey. 2020.

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