

1. BC MEDICAL SERVICES HEALTH CARE CARD

- ✚ The provincial Ministry of Health administers the BC Medical Services Plan, which ensures that all eligible BC residents have access to medically essential care. All residents in BC must apply for a BC Medical Services Health Card to receive health services within BC.
- ✚ **In British Columbia, NIHB manages the program for First Nations** clients residing in BC. Forms are available from local community band offices and/or the regional NIHB office. Once the application is received, verified and approved, the cost of the premium is paid directly by First Nations and Inuit Health.
- ✚ It is the client's responsibility to ensure they are enrolled with NIHB for their medical health care card in order to have their premiums paid for.
- ✚ **Who should apply for Enrollment:**
 - clients and dependents who are new to BC
 - clients and dependents returning to BC (after three months or more absent)
 - clients who have turned 19 years of age and have not completed a form yet
 - clients who had their premiums paid by an employer or other source (i.e. Ministry of Income Assistance) and are no longer on that plan.

*All applications must have a **copy** of your birth certificate or passport and must ensure your status card number is clearly marked on their form.*

✚ **When should you use a Change Form Application:**

- Client has lost their own or their dependent's Care Card
- Client needs to correct the information shown on their Care Card, such as change of address, name change, or add a new dependent.

*All change form applications require the necessary supporting documentation, such as a **copy** of the marriage certificate, birth certificate, etc.*

- ✚ MSP Enrollment or Change Form Applications should be mailed or faxed to the following:

Mail: FIRST NATIONS & INUIT HEALTH
NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS
540 - 757 WEST HASTINGS STREET
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
V6C 3E6

Fax: 1 - 888 - 299 - 9222 or 1 - 604 - 666 - 3200