



Health Insurance for New International Students

Bulletin re: COVID-19 Pandemic (rev. 2022-03-22)

For the most part, provincial governments in Canada have been covering (or not billing patients for) the cost of COVID-19 testing, vaccination, or other primary health services directly related to the COVID-19 virus. For the situation in British Columbia, please refer to the [Medical Services Plan response to COVID-19](#). That said, the following information has been provided **in case** an iMED plan member is deemed liable to pay for medical services relating to COVID-19 contracted during the iMED coverage period:

Q1. Does iMED cover medical expenses relating to COVID-19:

iMED covers medical expenses relating to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection, subject to the same [policy terms and conditions](#) applicable to other types of sickness or injury.

Q2. In what circumstances will iMED cover testing for COVID-19?

iMED covers diagnostic testing that is ordered by an attending physician if deemed medically necessary to investigate **active symptoms of sickness or injury**.

iMED does **not** cover expenses related to elective virus/disease screening, or testing required by a 3rd party. For example, iMED does not cover screen testing required by a travel provider, government, school, employer, residence, etc.. iMED also does not cover elective purchase of COVID-19 self-test kits.

Q3. Does iMED cover costs associated with COVID-19 vaccination?

iMED does **not** cover preventative medicine, such as vaccines. As such, iMED does not cover expenses related to the COVID-19 vaccination.

Q4. What if a prescription medication becomes available to *treat* COVID-19?

If a prescription medication (approved for use in Canada) becomes available to treat a patient with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection with COVID-19, iMED would cover a medically necessary prescription cost subject to the standard terms and conditions in the iMED policy.

Q5. How do I reach MSH International for iMED Claims and Emergency Assistance?



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