

ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION IN PHARMACIES ACROSS CANADA

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NWT	NU
Emergency contraception													
Available over the counter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pharmacists can prescribe (ulipristal acetate, copper IUD)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	P ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

Contraception prescribing by pharmacists ²													
Oral contraceptives	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Patch	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Vaginal ring	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Injection (e.g., Depo-Provera)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Injection administration ³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P ⁴	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Subdermal implant	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	P ⁴	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Intrauterine system and device (hormonal and copper)	✓	✓	✗	✓ [*]	✗	P ⁴	✗	✓ ⁵	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Public coverage for pharmacist services ^{2,6}													
Emergency contraception prescribing by pharmacist	✓	✓	✓ ⁷	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Hormonal contraception prescribing by pharmacist	✓	✓ ⁸	✓ ⁸	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

1. Prescription of a copper IUD will be possible as of December 9, 2026.

2. Pharmacist prescribing authority, including additional training requirements, may differ by province.

3. Provincial authority to perform administration of drugs via injection is subject to specialized training and/or practice certificates.

4. Will be possible as of December 9, 2026.

5. May prescribe intrauterine, implantable, or other contraception devices that require the involvement of another healthcare professional when collaborating with a physician or nurse practitioner.

6. Public drug and service plan eligibility may vary. Coverage within a province may be restricted to certain plans. Number of claims per year also varies.

7. A fee can only be claimed if ulipristal acetate is prescribed for emergency contraception.

8. A fee can only be claimed if a prescription for hormonal contraception is issued.

*Applies to Hormonal IUD only

PUBLIC COVERAGE FOR CONTRACEPTION ACROSS CANADA

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Universal coverage

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Coverage only available under certain plans/programs

X

No coverage under any plan/program

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Public coverage for contraception ^{2,3}													
Oral Emergency Contraception	U ⁴	L ⁴	L	U ⁴	L ⁴	L	L ⁴	L ⁴	U	X	U ⁴	L	L
Oral contraceptives	U	L	L	U	L	L	L	L	U	L	U	L	L
Patch	X	X	X	X	X	L	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vaginal ring	U	X	L	X	X	L	L	L	U	L	U	X	X
Injection (e.g., Depo-Provera)	U	L	L	U	L	L	L	L	U	L	U	L	L
Subdermal implant	U	L	L	U	L	L	L	L	U	L	U	X	L
Hormonal intrauterine system (IUS)	U	L	L	U	L	L	L	L	U	L	U	X	X
Copper intrauterine device (IUD)	U	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U	X	U	L	X

1. Coverage available under the National Pharmacare program.

2. Public drug and service plan eligibility may vary. Coverage within a province may be restricted to certain plans. Number of claims per year also varies.

3. Public drug plans may not cover brand name medications or all available medications within a therapeutic class; yearly maximums and extent of coverage may vary by province.

4. Levonorgestrel is listed for oral emergency contraception. Ulipristal acetate (Ella) is not listed on the provincial formulary.