



Enrolling your Newborn in the Medical Services Plan (MSP)

How does this Electronic Birth Registration enrol my baby for MSP coverage?

When you complete the Electronic Birth Registration, Vital Statistics Agency sends your baby's information to Health Insurance BC (HIBC) through a secure communications network. HIBC will then process the application and determine your newborn's eligibility for Medical Services Plan (MSP) coverage.

Why must the mother complete the MSP enrolment?

Coverage for the newborn will be provided under the same MSP account as the mother. If you are the mother and have MSP coverage, the easiest way to register your newborn in MSP is by providing your consent through this Electronic Birth Registration application. It is a quick and secure way to apply for MSP coverage for your baby.

I have a Personal Health Number (PHN) for my baby – do I still need to enrol in MSP?

Yes. Even if the hospital assigns your newborn a PHN, if your baby is a B.C. resident, he/she must be enrolled in MSP.

What if I have Group or other MSP coverage?

If your MSP coverage is being provided through an employer, another group plan (including Health Canada for First Nations) or the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), the Group Administrator or MSD must be advised that your newborn is being enrolled in MSP. Check with your employer or MSD for details.

Can we enrol our baby in MSP in a different way?

You do have the option of not applying for MSP coverage through this Electronic Birth Registration. However, if your newborn is a B.C. resident, your child must be enrolled with MSP. If this application isn't suitable for your family, a separate MSP Baby Enrolment pdf form is available at https://www.health.gov.bc.ca/exforms/msp/baby_enrolment.html.

When will I know that my baby is enrolled?

You can expect to hear from HIBC within four to five weeks of completing this Electronic Birth Registration application. If HIBC needs additional information to complete enrolment, you will be contacted. Most newborns are covered by MSP as of their date of birth provided one parent is an eligible B.C. resident.

The above provides general information about MSP eligibility and enrolment. For legal information on the legislation governing the Medical Services Plan, consult the appropriate Acts and Regulations. For complete information on MSP enrolment and eligibility, please visit www.hibc.gov.bc.ca or call one of the numbers below.