

Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Saskatchewan Ministry of Health

Extended Health Benefits
Information Bulletin
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PODIATRY:

The following program change was announced during the March 22nd Budget Speech:

Effective July 1, 2017: Podiatry services will no longer be provided by the health regions. Individuals requiring services may obtain the same services through approved private service providers on July 1, 2017. Podiatry services will continue to be a benefit for individuals with coverage under Supplementary Health Benefits and Family Health Benefits, when they access those benefits from a private service provider. The Ministry will be working closely with the regions and service providers prior to implementation. Providers and individuals will be given more details as more information becomes available. For more information, contact Supplementary Health at 306-787-3124 or 1-800-266-0695.

What is changing with Podiatry Services?

Podiatry services will no longer be a service provided by the health regions.

Those who are eligible for Supplementary Health and/or children receiving Family Health Benefits will be eligible to receive the same services through private services providers after July 1, 2017.

When is this change happening?

July 1, 2017.

Can I see a publically funded podiatrist before July 1, 2017?

Health regions are currently winding down their services. They are not able to accept new referrals and are not able to book appointments for patients who are on waiting lists for services. Clients that are currently receiving podiatry services from a health region are encouraged to contact the health region directly to discuss their specific circumstance and appointments.

I am on the wait list for podiatry services in a region. Will I get an appointment before July 1, 2017?

No. Health regions are currently winding down services and are not able to book appointments for patients who are on the waiting list for service.

If you require podiatry services, you may wish to discuss treatment options with your physician or contact one of the private podiatrists listed at: <http://www.scop.ca/SCOP-licensed-podiatrists.html> or searched by "Podiatrist" in the telephone directory.

Individuals will be responsible for paying for the services provided by a private podiatry clinic. As some private health insurance plans may cover podiatry services, you may wish to consult your private health insurance plan provider for details on coverage for these services.

Clients that are currently receiving podiatry services from a health region are encouraged to contact the health region directly to discuss their specific circumstance and appointments.

Those who are eligible for Supplementary Health and/or children receiving Family Health Benefits should continue to access podiatry services through their health region until July 1, 2017, where available. Where regional podiatry services have ended, individual requests to access private services prior to July 1, 2017, will be looked at by the Ministry of Health on a case-by-case basis for those who are eligible for Supplementary Health and/or children receiving Family Health Benefits.

I have received podiatry services in the past from my health region. Can I get in to see the publically funded podiatrist before July 1, 2017?

Health regions are winding down service and have limited appointments available before July 1, 2017. Please consult your health region podiatrist on the availability of appointments before July 1, 2017.

Where can I access podiatry services after July 1, 2017?

Individuals may access podiatry services from private podiatry clinics throughout the province. Private podiatrists are listed at: <http://www.scop.ca/SCOP-licensed-podiatrists.html> or searched by “Podiatrist” in the telephone directory.

Who pays for podiatry services after July 1, 2017?

Individuals will be responsible for services provided and charged by the podiatrist.

Individuals eligible for Supplementary Health and children covered under Family Health Benefits will continue to have their podiatry services paid for by these programs.

Do individual health plans cover podiatry services?

Some individual private health plans may cover podiatry services. Please consult with your private health insurance plan provider for details.

Can my children receive podiatry services under the Saskatchewan Health Services card after July 1, 2017?

No. Podiatry services will no longer be provided by the health regions.

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Where can I find a private podiatrist?

Licensed Podiatrists and their practice sites are listed at: <http://www.scop.ca/SCOP-licensed-podiatrists.html> or may be searched by “Podiatrist” in the telephone directory.

I receive Supplementary Health or Family Health Benefits and have been visiting a podiatrist regularly. If I see a private podiatrist before July 1, 2017 will this be covered?

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For more information on how to access Supplementary Health and/or Family Health Benefits, please contact Supplementary Health Benefits toll-free at 1 (800) 266-0695.

I have Supplementary Health or Family Health Benefits. Will I be able to go to a private provider after July 1, 2017?

Yes.

I have been receiving podiatry services from a podiatrist working in a health region that also has a private practice. Can I continue to see that same podiatrist after July 1, 2017?

Health regions will no longer be providing podiatry services after July 1, 2017.

Individuals may contact one of the private providers listed at: <http://www.scop.ca/SCOP-licensed-podiatrists.html> or may be searched by “Podiatrist” in the telephone directory.

Those who are eligible for Supplementary Health and/or children receiving Family Health Benefits will be eligible to receive private podiatry services after July 1, 2017.

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Who can I contact for more information?

For more information on your Supplementary Health Benefits or Family Health Benefits contact Supplementary Health Benefits at 1-800-266-0695.

For more information or questions about the podiatry services you have been receiving from your health region, please contact your health region by calling:

Athabasca: 306-439-2200
Cypress: 306-778-5100 or 1-888-461-7443
Five Hills: 306-694-0296
Heartland: 306-882-4111
Keewatin Yatthé: 306-235-2220
Kelsey Trail: 306-873-6600
Mamawetan Churchill River: 306-425-2422
Prairie North: 306-446-6606 or 306-820-6181
Prince Albert Parkland: 306-765-6400
Regina Qu'Appelle: 306-766-3750
Saskatoon Health Region: 306-655-4130
Sun Country: 306-842-8399
Sunrise: 306-786-0623