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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Form fields for APPLICANT LEGAL LAST NAME, APPLICANT LEGAL FIRST NAME, APPLICANT LEGAL SECOND NAME, PERSONAL HEALTH NUMBER (PHN), BIRTHDATE (MM / DD / YYYY), DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER

MAILING ADDRESS:

Form fields for APT / UNIT, STREET NUMBER, STREET NAME, CITY, PROVINCE, POSTAL CODE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

You must file your income tax return with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) by April 30 each year. Failure to file your income tax return may impact your eligibility for Regular Premium Assistance and other income-based programs. Net income is found on line 236 of the CRA Notice of Assessment or Notice of Reassessment.

TAX YEAR (20), NET INCOME (lines 1-3), DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED BY THE MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN (MSP) (lines 4-11)

AGE Claim \$3,000 for each person who is 65 or older this year. CHILDREN Claim \$3,000 for each minor (under 19 years of age) or dependent post-secondary student (19-24 years of age; may include a student enrolled in full-time studies at a trade school, technical school or high school) included under your MSP coverage. DISABILITY If you claimed a disability on your income tax return for yourself, or your spouse, minor or dependent post-secondary student included under your MSP coverage, claim \$3,000 for each disabled person. If you claimed attendant or nursing home expenses in place of disability, enclose photocopies of receipts. The maximum MSP deduction for disability is \$3,000 per person.

DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED BY THE MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN (MSP) (lines 4-11)

ADJUSTED NET INCOME is net income from your Notice of Assessment or Notice of Reassessment minus above deductions allowed by MSP.

ADJUSTED NET INCOME (line 12)

This form must be signed. Please see reverse/page 2 for the required Declaration and Consent. WE CANNOT ACCEPT UNSIGNED FORMS.



DECLARATION AND CONSENT - MUST BE SIGNED

Mark () if someone has Power of Attorney or another legal representation agreement and is signing on your behalf, and include a copy of the agreement with your application.

I hereby consent to the release of information from my income tax returns, and other taxpayer information, by the Canada Revenue Agency to the Ministry of Health and/or Health Insurance BC. The information obtained will be relevant to and used for the purpose of determining and verifying my initial and ongoing entitlement to the Premium Assistance Program and the Supplementary Benefits Program under the *Medicare Protection Act*, and will not be disclosed to any other party. This authorization is valid for the taxation year prior to the signature of this application, the year of the signature and for each subsequent consecutive taxation year for which premium assistance and supplementary benefits is requested. It may be revoked by sending a written notice to Health Insurance BC.

I am a resident of British Columbia as defined by the *Medicare Protection Act*.

I have resided in Canada as a Canadian citizen or holder of permanent resident status (landed immigrant) for at least the last 12 months immediately preceding this application. I am not exempt from liability to pay income tax by reason of any other Act.

Mark () if you are married or living and cohabiting in a marriage-like relationship (even if your spouse is not covered under your MSP account) and include his/her information with your application. Failure to update your MSP account if you marry or begin living in a marriage-like relationship may impact eligibility for Regular Premium Assistance.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE	SPOUSE SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED (MM / DD / YYYY)

APPLICANT FIRST INITIAL AND LAST NAME	SPOUSE FIRST INITIAL AND LAST NAME

APPLICANT SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER	SPOUSE SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER	SPOUSE PERSONAL HEALTH NUMBER (PHN)

GROUP AUTHORIZATION (if required)

GROUP NUMBER	AUTHORIZATION NAME OR STAMP

MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN (MSP) PREMIUM ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

MSP enrolment must be complete for you (and your spouse, if applicable) to qualify for Regular Premium Assistance. To complete MSP enrolment, submit the MSP Application for Enrolment form and obtain a Photo BC Services Card by visiting an Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC) driver licensing office. To find an ICBC driver licensing office near you, please visit www.icbc.com.

Types of Assistance - Two types of assistance are available:

1. Regular Premium Assistance – offered if your adjusted net income for the previous year is \$42,000 or less. To apply for Regular Premium Assistance you must fully complete this form and sign the declaration and consent. If you are married or living in a marriage-like relationship, your spouse must also sign. **If you are covered through your employer, pension or union welfare plan**, your group administrator will need to complete the Group Authorization section above.
2. Temporary Premium Assistance – offered if you are unable to pay premiums because of a current, unexpected financial hardship. To qualify, you need to provide information that shows you are unable to pay your premiums and could not have reasonably budgeted to do so. For more information, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/temporarypremiumassistance.

Other Benefits - Your application may be used to determine eligibility for other income-based programs: Supplementary Benefits, BC Emergency Health Services, and Healthy Kids. For more information, visit www.gov.bc.ca/premiumassistance.

Fair PharmaCare - Helps BC residents with eligible costs of prescriptions and certain medical supplies. For more information or to register, visit www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare or contact Health Insurance BC.

Income Verification - The signed declaration above allows the Ministry of Health and/or Health Insurance BC to verify your income information with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) on an ongoing basis. In most cases, you do not need to reapply for Regular Premium Assistance as Health Insurance BC will continue to verify your income with CRA each year and will maintain or adjust your level of assistance based on the information received from CRA. In order to verify your income, the name and date of birth on your MSP account must match the information on file at CRA.

Monthly Rates - Once you have completed the application form, look at line 12 to determine your adjusted net income. Find your adjusted net income in the premium rate table to determine your monthly rate. The rates listed below are subject to change.

PREMIUM RATE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018		
ADJUSTED NET INCOME	One Adult	Two Adults in a Family
\$0 - \$26,000	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$26,001 - \$28,000	\$11.50	\$23.00
\$28,001 - \$30,000	\$17.50	\$35.00
\$30,001 - \$34,000	\$23.00	\$46.00
\$34,001 - \$38,000	\$28.00	\$56.00
\$38,001 - \$42,000	\$32.50	\$65.00
Over \$42,000	\$37.50	\$75.00

Personal information is collected under the authority of the *Medicare Protection Act* and section 26 (a), (c) and (e) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the purposes of administration of the Medical Services Plan. If you have any questions about the collection and use of your personal information, please contact the Health Insurance BC Chief Privacy Office at Health Insurance BC, Chief Privacy Office, PO Box 9035 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC V8W 9E3 or call 604 683-7151 (Vancouver) or 1 800 663-7100 (toll-free).