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Breathing machine claim changes in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan

Effective April 8, 2019, Great-West Life will cover the cost of copays for PAP breathing machines in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

In Saskatchewan, APAP and BiPAP machines and accessories are fully covered by the provincial program, and don't have any copays. The copays apply to CPAP machines and accessories only.

In Manitoba, BiPAP machines are fully covered by the provincial program and don't have any copays. APAP machines are not recognized for treatment by Manitoba Health, and are eligible for reimbursement under Great-West Life plans.

In Ontario, copays apply to APAP, BiPAP and CPAP machines.

The copays for each province are:

Province	Copay
Ontario	\$215 CPAP \$255 APAP \$280 BiPAP
Manitoba	\$500 CPAP
Saskatchewan	\$275 CPAP

What it means for you

Because Great-West Life group benefits plans don't provide coverage for services or supplies available through a provincial health plan, if you're in Ontario, Manitoba or Saskatchewan and bought a breathing machine, you must apply for it through your provincial program.

You can then make a claim with Great-West Life for the copay amount for the initial purchase of the machine or for a replacement machine. Expenses are limited to reasonable and customary amounts. Additional supplies purchased at the same time as the machine, that already come with what's provided by the province, would not be covered.

In other provinces and territories, breathing machines are not covered by the province and will be assessed according to your group benefits coverage.

Action required

Check the coverage available in your province before purchasing a machine.

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