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Drug Benefits

CURRENT POLICY (Specified Disease Conditions Program)

Jamila is a single mother working as a waitress in Yellowknife earning $30,000 yearly.

Jamila has a heart condition that requires life-long drug treatment to maintain her health.

Because the condition is not listed in the Specified Disease Conditions Program, Jamila is **not** covered.

Jamila cannot afford the medication to treat the condition.

PROPOSED POLICY (Drug Benefits Program)

Jamila is a single mother working as a waitress in Yellowknife earning $30,000 yearly.

Jamila has a heart condition that requires life-long drug treatment to maintain her health.

Because the new Drug Benefits Program covers the cost of medication for all disease types, Jamila **is** covered.

Jamila can now afford a better life for herself and her child.

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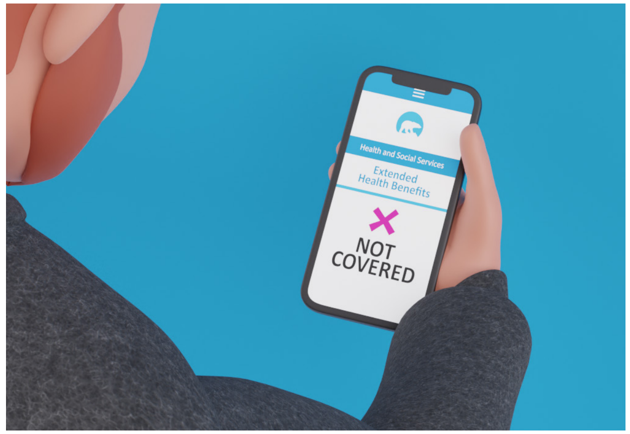
Supplementary Health Benefits

CURRENT POLICY (Extended Health Benefits for Seniors Program)

John earns $31,000 yearly as a part-time construction worker in Hay River. His hearing is damaged from working around loud machinery.



John has no employer health benefits and is under 60 so he does **not** qualify for the Extended Health Benefits for Seniors Program.

John struggles daily to understand conversations.

NEW POLICY (Supplementary Health Benefits Program)

John earns $31,000 yearly as a part-time construction worker in Hay River. His hearing is damaged from working around loud machinery.

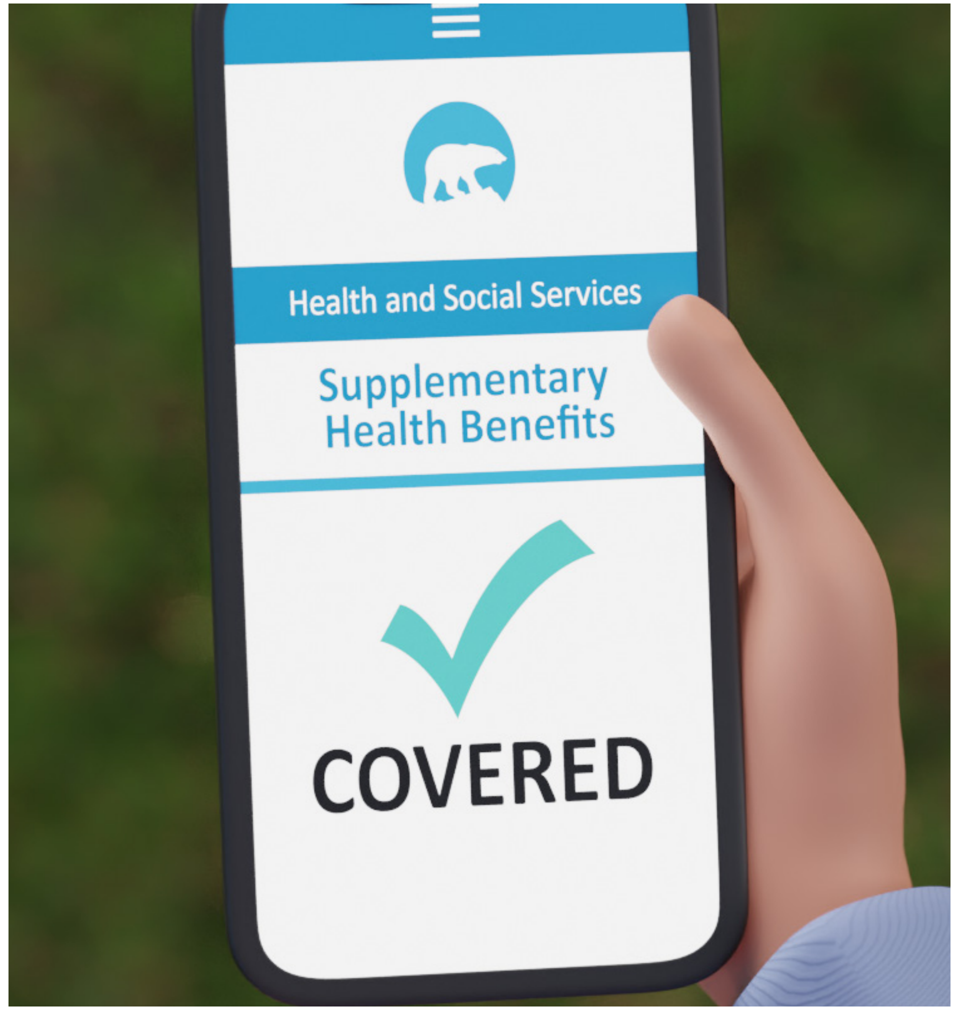
Under the new Supplementary Health Benefits plan, John is below the low-income threshold, so he **is** eligible to receive coverage to assist with the cost of his hearing aids.

John's new hearing aids make a big difference in his life.

Extended Health Benefits for Seniors Program

CURRENT POLICY (All people over the age of 60 automatically qualify)

Mary is a retired senior citizen who hears there are proposed changes to extended health care in the NWT.



Mary learns that there will be **no changes** to the benefits program for seniors at this time so they will not be affected.

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Drug Benefits Program for People Earning a Moderate Income

PROPOSED POLICY (Drug Benefits Program)

Anita is a GNWT employee earning a moderate income. Anita is covered through her employer's benefits plan for some of the costs of the medication she takes to treat a condition.

Because Anita has used up all her drug benefits through her employer, she can apply to the new Drug Benefits Program to extend coverage for the rest of the year.

Supplementary Health Benefits for People Earning a Moderate Income

PROPOSED POLICY (Supplementary Health Benefits Program)

Stephanie is an employee for a mining corporation in the NWT who receives health benefits through her employer sponsored plan. Stephanie is curious if she will be eligible for more benefits under the new Supplementary Health Benefit Program.

The Supplementary Health Benefits Plan exists to support residents with low-income who do not have access to health benefits through their employer, spouse, or other government program. Therefore, Stephanie is **not** eligible to receive these benefits.

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Supplementary Health Benefits (Dental)

CURRENT POLICY (Extended Health Benefits for Seniors Program)

A young family of four brings in a yearly income of $42,000.

Their youngest daughter has a severe toothache and needs to see a dentist.

Because they do not receive any health benefits from their employer or government, if they take their daughter to the dentist, they cannot afford to pay their rent.

PROPOSED POLICY (Supplementary Health Benefits Program)

A young family of four brings in a yearly income of $42,000. The maximum level of income to receive full health benefits is $32,601. But the two children are listed as dependents, which raises the family’s income threshold to qualify to $60,902.

Their youngest daughter has a severe toothache and needs to see a dentist.

Because the family **is** now eligible to receive benefits, the daughter can see a dentist and have the cost of the treatment covered.

Supplemental Health Benefits

PROPOSED POLICY (Supplemental Health Benefits Program)

Brandon is an only child in a family of three. He has a part-time job at a moving company that pays him $30,000 yearly. Brandon is aging out of his parents' employment benefits plan soon, so they are concerned he will no longer be covered.

Brandon will no longer be able to receive benefits from his parents' plan. However, he now qualifies for the new Supplemental Health Benefits Program that will provide him coverage based on his current income.