

Percentage of Seniors on Public Drug Programs With Accepted Claims

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Short/Other Names	Not applicable
Description	The rate of seniors who have submitted claims that have been accepted by public drug programs
Interpretation	This indicator is interpreted as the rate of seniors who use public drug programs to receive drug coverage.
HSP Framework Dimension	Health System Inputs and Characteristics: Health system innovation and learning capacity
Areas of Need	Not applicable
Geographic Coverage	Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon
Reporting Level/Disaggregation	Province/Territory
Indicator Results	https://secure.cihi.ca/estore/productSeries.htm?locale=en&pc=PCC520

Identifying Information

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Indicator Description and Calculation

Description	The rate of seniors who have submitted claims that have been accepted by public drug programs The total number of seniors with at least one claim accepted by a public drug program divided by the total population of seniors
Calculation: Description	Unit of Analysis: Patients
Calculation: Geographic Assignment	Place of residence
Calculation: Type of Measurement	Percentage or proportion
Calculation: Adjustment Applied	Age-sex-adjusted
Calculation: Method of Adjustment	Direct Standardization Standard Population: Standard Population: Canadian seniors population (Statistics Canada, Demography Division, CANSIM table)
Denominator	Description: Total population of seniors Inclusions: All seniors (age 65 and older) Exclusions: All non-seniors (age younger than 65) Description: Total number of seniors with at least one claim accepted by a public drug program
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Background, Interpretation and Benchmarks

Rationale	The rate of seniors who have claims accepted by public drug programs tells us a lot about public drug program design and eligibility. Jurisdictions with a high uptake rate tend to have a plan with a large population of coverage or low/no deductibles (where patients pay parts of every claim), while plans with a low uptake rate tend to have a small population of coverage or a deductible (seniors may choose coverage through a different source).
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Areas of Need	Not applicable
Targets/Benchmarks	Not applicable
References	Not applicable
Availability of Data Sources and Results	
Data Sources	NPDUIS Database
	Type of Year:

Available Data Years	Calendar First Available Year: 2000 Last Available Year: 2016
Geographic Coverage	Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon
Reporting Level/Disaggregation	Province/Territory
Result Updates	
Update Frequency	Whenever required for analytical product or data request
Indicator Results	Web Tool: CIHI's eStore: Drug Use Among Seniors on Public Drug Programs in Canada URL: https://secure.cihi.ca/estore/productSeries.htm?locale=en&pc=PCC520
Updates	Not applicable
Quality Statement	
Caveats and Limitations	While the count of seniors with accepted claims is calculated over the entire year, the population of each jurisdiction is calculated at a specific time. Because of this, it is assumed that this indicator over-estimates the rate. All data is not available for all years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, New Brunswick: From January 2000 – Nova Scotia: From April 2001 – Prince Edward Island: From April 2004 – British Columbia: From January 2006 – Yukon: From January 2007 – Newfoundland and Labrador: From April 2008 – Ontario: From April 2010 – First Nations and Inuit Health Branch: From October 2010
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