

# Pharmacare for Children of Low-Income Families

NS COMMUNITY SERVICES—Thousands of low-income families have started to receive help with the cost of prescription medications for their children when Low Income Pharmacare for Children began, Oct. 1.

Premier Rodney MacDonald and Community Services Minister Judy Streach announced Aug. 30, that applications are now available for Low Income Pharmacare for Children. The program will help up to 35,000 children under the age of 18 whose families receive the Nova Scotia Child Benefit.

“Access to prescription medications can be critical to the health and well-being of a child,” said Premier MacDonald. “Children’s pharmacare will help relieve some of the emotional and

financial pressures for parents of modest means who can not afford the medications their children need.”

To be eligible for Low Income Pharmacare for Children, families with children under 18 years of age must be in receipt of the Nova Scotia Child Benefit and have a household income below \$20,921. This program is not available to families who already receive pharmacare from the Department of Community Services or a health plan.

“People often turn to us in times of need,” said Community Services Minister Judy Streach.”

Children’s pharmacare allows us to reach out to more families of modest means to provide the help they need to care for their children.”

Through Low Income Pharmacare for Children, families will pay \$5 per prescription, making medications more affordable for low-income families in need.

Announced in the 2006-07 provincial budget, government will invest an estimated \$1 million in the first year of the children’s pharmacare program, and \$2 million the year after.

Government also plans to introduce a pharmacare program for working families in 2008.

Applications for Low Income Pharmacare for Children will be mailed next week to all families in the province currently receiving the Nova Scotia Child Benefit.

For more information, or to apply for Low Income Pharmacare for Children contact the Department of Community Services toll free at 1-866-424-1269 or see the department website at [www.gov.ns.ca/coms](http://www.gov.ns.ca/coms).

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The province wants equal participation by all Nova Scotians, including aboriginal persons, women, people with disabilities and members of racially visible groups. If they wish, applicants may include relevant information when they apply.

### Think you qualify?

Send a letter, indicating the board(s) that interest you. Include your qualifications, relevant volunteer experience and a resume.

### Applications may be sent to:

Executive Council Office  
One Government Place, 6th Floor  
1700 Granville Street  
P.O. Box 2125 Halifax, NS B3J 3B7  
By fax: 902-424-0667  
By e-mail: [execounc@gov.ns.ca](mailto:execounc@gov.ns.ca)

Members of some agencies, boards and commissions receive \$100 or more per day for their services. Applicants for these positions agree to the public release of information they have submitted if they are appointed to the agency, board or commission.

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#### AGRICULTURE

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#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Children and Family Services Act Advisory Committee  
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Housing Authority - Annapolis Valley  
Housing Authority - Cobequid  
Housing Authority - Metropolitan Regional  
Housing Authority - Tri-County  
Kings Regional Rehabilitation Centre  
Preston Area Housing Fund Board of Directors  
Round Table on Early Childhood Development

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation  
Trade Centre Limited  
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#### EDUCATION

Acadia University Board of Governors  
Acadia University Foundation  
Apprenticeship Board  
Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority  
Barbers Act, Board of Examiners  
Cape Breton University Board of Governors  
Cape Breton University Foundation  
Council on Mi'kmaq Education  
Dalhousie College and University Board of Governors  
Dalhousie University Foundation  
Johnstone (Dr. P. Anthony) Memorial Fund Entrance Scholarship  
Mount Saint Vincent University Board of Governors  
Nova Scotia Advisory Board on Colleges and Universities  
Nova Scotia Agricultural College Foundation  
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Board of Governors  
Nova Scotia Community College Board of Governors  
Provincial Examining and Licensing Committee in Cosmetology  
Saint Mary's University Board of Governors  
St. Francis Xavier University Foundation  
Training Completion Fund Working Committee  
Université Sainte-Anne - Collège de l'Acadie Board of Governors  
Women in Engineering Scholarship Selection Committee  
Youth Advisory Council

#### ENERGY

Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, Alternate Member

#### ENVIRONMENT AND LABOUR

Advisory Committee on the Protection of Special Places  
Alcohol and Gaming Authority - Film Classifiers  
Crane Operators Examination Committee  
Fire Safety Advisory Council  
Fire Services Advisory Committee  
Fuel Safety Advisory Board  
Workers' Compensation Board - Stakeholder Nominations

#### FINANCE

Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission  
Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation

#### FISHERIES

Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board

#### HEALTH

Advisory Commission on AIDS  
Board of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia  
Board of the College of the Nova Scotia Chiropractors  
Board of the College of Occupational Therapists of Nova Scotia  
Board of Dispensing Opticians  
Board of the Nova Scotia College of Optometrists  
Board of Examiners in Psychology  
Board of the Nova Scotia College of Medical Laboratory Technologists  
Council of the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists  
Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia  
Council of the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia  
Crosbie Memorial Addictions Trust Fund Board  
Izaak Walton Killam Health Centre Board of Directors  
Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation Board of Governors  
Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Board

#### HEALTH PROMOTION

Nova Scotia Boxing Authority  
Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation

#### JUSTICE

Advisory Committee on Provincial Judicial Appointments  
Community Notification Committee - High Risk Offenders  
Judicial Council  
Law Foundation of Nova Scotia - Board of Governors  
Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia  
Municipal Board of Police Commissioners  
Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

Shubenacadie Canal Commission  
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#### NOVA SCOTIA LIQUOR CORPORATION

Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation

#### NOVA SCOTIA STATUS OF WOMEN

Advisory Council on the Status of Women

#### SERVICE NOVA SCOTIA AND MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Board of Registration of Embalmers and Funeral Directors  
Certified General Accountants Association of Nova Scotia  
Public Accountants Board

#### TOURISM, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

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Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Board of Governors  
Gaelic College Foundation Board of Governors  
Nova Scotia Museum, Board of Governors  
Peggy's Cove Commission  
Sherbrooke Restoration Commission

#### TREASURY AND POLICY BOARD

Nova Scotia Voluntary Planning Board of Directors

## Low Income Pharmacare for Children

Thousands of families will get help with the cost of prescription medications when Low Income Pharmacare for Children begins October 1, 2006.

Low Income Pharmacare for Children means eligible families will pay only \$5 per prescription, making children's medications more affordable.

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