

Medical Services Plan of BC (MSP) Information

Background: The University of Victoria ceased administering a group MSP account in **2019** when the province stopped collecting MSP premiums. Faculty, staff and their dependents were moved to their own individual MSP accounts at that time.

Maintaining your MSP account: UVic does not administer MSP under a group account. Faculty and staff are responsible for keeping their individual MSP account up-to-date and requesting changes. Notify [Health Insurance BC](#) directly if you need to change or update details including change of address, personal information or to add and/or remove a spouse of child(ren).

Contacted by MSP about your dependent turning age 19? Follow the instructions in the letter and respond directly to Health Insurance BC. UVic does not administer MSP under a group account and your dependent has been covered under your [individual MSP account](#).

Who must join MSP? All eligible BC residents and their dependents must enrol in MSP, which pays for the medically required services of physicians and surgeons, hospital services. The MSP plan is administered through Health Insurance BC.

How do I enrol in MSP? If you are a [resident of British Columbia](#), you must enrol in MSP. By law, MSP is mandatory for all eligible residents and their dependents. Information on how to apply for MSP is available through the [Medical Services Plan website](#).

Coming to the University of Victoria from outside of BC or Canada? If you are coming to UVic from outside of BC (and within Canada) or outside Canada, you and your [eligible dependents](#) must complete a waiting period for MSP. The waiting period consists of the balance of the month in which residence in British Columbia is established, plus two months. Generally, the date residence is established is the date of arrival in BC, however this is determined by the Ministry of Health based on a number of factors, including the type of immigration status held. For more information, visit the [Medical Services Plan website](#).

If you are coming to BC from another Canadian province or territory, you should maintain your coverage with your former provincial medical plan during this MSP waiting period. This will ensure you are covered for any medically necessary physician and hospital services by your former province as you wait for your MSP coverage to start.

