

**Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance**  
**BC Employment and Assistance Rate Tables**

**Health Supplements and Programs (Updated May 1, 2005)**

<b>Supplement</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Maximum Amount</b>
Eligible and non-eligible health supplements	Basic TENS unit	\$250
	Breast prosthesis	\$350
<b>Dental</b>	Additional amount that children and adults with the persons with disabilities designation who require anaesthetic in a hospital or private facility may be eligible for	\$500 of basic dental treatment per calendar year
Diet supplements	Restricted sodium diet	\$10 per calendar month
	Diabetes	\$15 per calendar month
	Kidney dialysis (when not eligible for kidney dialysis service through Ministry of Health)	\$30 per calendar month
	High protein diet	\$40 per calendar month, plus \$30 towards the purchase of a blender
	Gluten-free diet	\$40 per calendar month
	Dysphagia	\$40 per calendar month, plus \$30 towards the purchase of a blender
	Cystic fibrosis	\$50 per calendar month
Medical transportation supplement	Travel allowance related to vehicle transportation	\$0.20 per kilometre
	Allowance for exceptional cases where circumstances warrant a meal allowance	\$4 per meal
Monthly Nutritional Supplement	Dietary items	\$165 per calendar month
	Bottled water	\$20 per calendar month
	Vitamins or minerals	\$40 per calendar month
	Clients receiving less than this amount through appeal awards under Schedule C may apply for the monthly nutritional supplement	\$225 per calendar month
Natal supplement	Single pregnancy or birth	\$45 per calendar month
	Multiple pregnancy or birth	\$90 per calendar month
Optical services	Eye exam provided by an optometrist	\$44.83
	Eye exam provided by an ophthalmologist	\$48.90
Physiotherapy, massage therapy, podiatry and chiropractic services	Medical Services Plan rate for extensions to chiropractic, physiotherapy, podiatry and massage therapy services	\$23 per visit
Supplement for alcohol and drug treatment	Per eligible recipient	\$500 per calendar year

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