

2. BENEFICIARY REGISTRATION

2.1 OVERVIEW

To be eligible for insured services under the Medical Care Plan, a resident must be registered with the Plan and must possess a health care identity card. MCP has specific rules which determine a resident's eligibility for registration and coverage. A list of these rules is available by request.

Generally, people who visit the MCP office, and who meet the eligibility requirements for registration, are issued a health care identity card immediately. In some cases there may be a delay while identity and eligibility documents are verified.

Parents of newborns are usually issued registration forms at the hospital where the children are born. Parents must complete these forms and forward them to MCP's Public Services section to complete the registration process and to obtain their child's MCP card.

As a convenience to the general public, we provide various registration forms to physician's offices for patient use. We suggest that you keep an adequate supply of these forms on hand. Replacement forms may be obtained from MCP by completing and returning the Reorder Form provided for this purpose. Access to MCP forms is also available on the internet at www.health.gov.nl.ca/mcp under the "Forms" link.

2.2 ELIGIBILITY

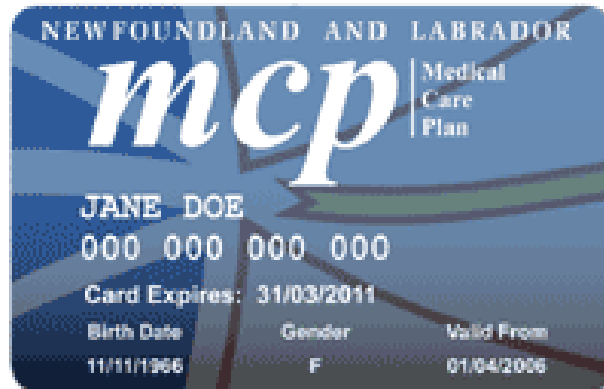
Health care cards, or MCP cards, as they are usually known, are issued to each beneficiary who registers under the Plan. For further details on eligibility requirements, please refer to our website at www.health.gov.nl.ca/mcp under the "Beneficiaries" link.

2.3 MCP CARDS

In May 2006, the DOHCS began issuing a new version of the MCP Card (see next page). The card contains several new features such as an expiry date, date of birth, gender and valid from date.

As of July 31, 2007 the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Care Plan will no longer accept claims made under the old MCP Cards for payment of services. As well, no payments will be approved for claims where the date of service is after the expiry date on the new MCP card.

Sample of new MCP card (valid May, 2006)



Samples of previously issued MCP cards, but no longer valid as of July 31, 2007

