

Appendix 4: Sixteen clinical scenarios showing variations by province in the proportion of annual prescription drug costs paid by seniors, nonseniors and recipients of social assistance

Category; income level	Age, yr	Married	Annual family income, \$	GIS	OAS	No. of children	Annual cost of prescription drugs, \$	Province; % of costs paid by patient										
								BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	NL	
Senior																		
Below national average	71	No	13 138	Yes	Yes	—	260	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	100	100	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	≤ 35	
							1000	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	
	65	Yes	23 315	Yes	Yes	—	260	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	100	100	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	≤ 35	
							1000	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	
At national average	66	No	23 903	No	Yes	—	260	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	100	100	> 35-< 100	> 100*	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	100	
							1000	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	100	
	72	Yes	44 806	No	Yes	—	260	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	100	100	> 35-< 100	> 100*	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	100	
							1000	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	100	100	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	100	
Above national average	80	No	53 903	No	Yes	—	260	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	> 35-< 100	> 100*	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	100	
							1000	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	100	
	69	Yes	71 806	No	Yes	—	260	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	> 35-< 100	> 100*	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	100	
							1000	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	100	
Nonsenior																		
Below national average	23	No	14 000	—	—	1	260	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	100	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	≤ 35	100	
							1000	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	100	100	≤ 35	100
	27	No	17 000	—	—	0	260	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	100	100	> 100*	100	100	100	100	
							1000	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	100
	59	Yes	38 000	—	—	2	260	100	100	100	100	100	> 100*	100	100	100	100	
							1000	100	> 35-< 100	100	> 35-< 100	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	100	100
At national average	60	No	28 000	—	—	0	260	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	> 100*	100	100	100	100	
							1000	100	> 35-< 100	100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	100	100
	42	No	31 000	—	—	1	260	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	> 100*	100	100	100	100	
							1000	100	> 35-< 100	100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	100	100
	59	Yes	59 000	—	—	2	260	100	100	100	100	100	> 100*	100	100	100	100	
							1000	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	100	100
Above national average	46	No	60 000	—	—	2	260	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	> 100*	100	100	100	100	
							1000	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	100	100
	34	No	80 000	—	—	0	260	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	> 100*	100	100	100	100	
							1000	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	100	100
	57	Yes	120 000	—	—	1	260	100	100	100	100	100	> 100*	100	100	100	100	
							1000	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	> 35-< 100	100	100	100	100	100
Social assistance recipient	40	No	Social assistance	—	—	0	260	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	> 35-< 100	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	
							1000	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35	≤ 35

Note: GIS = Guaranteed Income Supplement, OAS = Old Age Security.
*User cost exceeds cost of drugs.