



## Evidence-Informed Policy Updates – Botox

In alignment with the guiding principles of Enhanced Care, ICBC considers funding treatment for evidence-informed care. ICBC utilizes independent third party (ies) to review the latest medical and scientific information on various treatments and practices to help inform our funding approach.

### Updated Policy: Drugs and Medication for Injured Customers – Botox Therapy for Chronic Migraines

Effective June 30, 2022 ICBC has updated its policies on funding for ***Botox therapy for chronic migraines***. ICBC may pay for Botox treatment when the treatment is related to an injury sustained as a result of the motor vehicle accident (MVA), and the treatment is deemed necessary or advisable. Treatment must contribute to rehabilitation, lessen disability, and/or facilitate recovery.

The customer must have a confirmed diagnosis by a physician or nurse practitioner of a chronic migraine that meets the ICHD-3, Criteria 1.3 and is no longer in the acute phase of their recovery. The customer has completed a trial of first-line pharmacological treatment by a physician or nurse practitioner and has been referred for Botox treatment by a physician or nurse practitioner. Treatment must be provided by a medical physician who is qualified and experienced in administering medical Botox injections.

**Important:** ICBC is last payer for this therapy; therefore, the insured person must seek reimbursement from other insurance coverage if available, before submitting expenses to ICBC.

