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My name is Sharon and I live in PEI.

When I was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 2013, my province only covered one of the two treatments I needed. Fortunately, I had private insurance and unlike many women in my province, I was able to access both the drugs without any cost to myself.

But if I didn't have private insurance it would have been too late for me to have gotten that second drug by the time my province added it in 2015, and I would have been denied the additional years of life that that second drug has given me.

My second line of treatment has just recently been covered in my province as of August 2019. But, the rest of the country covered this drug five years ago, since 2014.

My friend needed this drug last year, but living in PEI without private insurance, she didn't get the drug. She died just 15 days before my province covered her much-needed drug.

This is why I am asking everyone to please support CBCN's access awareness campaign and sign the petition. Because all Canadians, not just those with living with mBC, deserve equal and affordable access to medically necessary drugs.