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## Manitoba Drug Benefits and Interchangeability Formulary Amendments



Copies of the consolidated regulations for Pharmacare benefits and interchangeable drugs (including the enclosed amendments), will be available, along with a copy of this bulletin on the Internet on July 3, 2001

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The following changes will be made to the Pharmacare benefit list effective July 3, 2001.

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**Part 1 Additions**

DIN	TRADE NAME	GENERIC	DOSAGE	FORM	MFG* ABB
02242822 02242823 02242824 02242825	<b>Apo-Nefazodone</b>	nefazodone HCl	50 mg 100 mg 150 mg 200 mg	Tablets	APX
02242705	<b>Aromasin</b>	exemestane	25 mg	Tablets	PNU
02243223	<b>Baycol</b>	cerivastatin sodium	0.8 mg	Tablets	BAY
02242788 02242789 02242790 02242791	<b>Captopril</b>	captopril	12.5 mg 25 mg 50 mg 100 mg	Tablets	ZYM
02242503	<b>Gen-Terbinafine</b>	terbinafine HCl	250 mg	Tablets	GPM
00904946	<b>Glucometer Elite</b>			Test Strips	BAY
02242794 02242793	<b>Metformin</b>	metformin HCl	500 mg 850 mg	Tablets	ZYM
00885444 00885428	<b>pms-Hydromorphone</b>	hydromorphone HCl	1 mg 8 mg	Tablets	PMS
02242589	<b>pms-Metformin</b>	metformin HCl	850 mg	Tablets	PMS
02243218 02243219	<b>pms-Moclobemide</b>	moclobemide	150 mg 300 mg	Tablets	PMS
02241820 02241821	<b>pms-Vancomycin</b>	vancomycin HCl	500 mg/Vial 1 g/Vial	Injection	PMS
02242878	<b>Premplus</b>	conjugated estrogenic hormones/ medroxyprogesterone acetate	0.625 mg/ 2.5 mg	Tablets	WAY
02240431 02240432	<b>Teveten</b>	eprosartan	300 mg 400 mg	Tablets	SPH

\* Abbreviation of Manufacturer' Names

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**Part 1 Deletion**

01980564	<b>Pentamycetin</b>	chloramphenicol	0.1%	Ophthalmic Ointment	SIL
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**Part 2 Additions and Amendments**

02242518	<b>Actonel</b>	risedronate sodium	5 mg	Tablets	AVE
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- For the treatment of patients with:
  - (a) osteoporotic fractures;
  - (b) osteoporosis diagnosed with bone mineral density measurements by any approved technology, ie. a T-score of <-2.5;
  - (c) x-ray diagnosis of osteoporosis;
  - (d) concurrent calcium and vitamin D supplementation is recommended.

02242465	<b>Apo-Desmopressin</b>	desmopressin acetate	10 mcg	Spray	APX
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- For treatment of diabetes insipidus.
- For treatment of enuresis in children refractory to alternative agents.

- The criteria for **Climara, Estalis, Estracomb, Estraderm, Estrogel, Oesclim** and **Vivelle** has been revised as follows:
  - For patients:
    - (a) with a history of thromboembolic disorders;
    - (b) with increased triglycerides;
    - (c) with a history of cholelithiasis; or
    - (d) who cannot tolerate oral estrogens due to intolerable side effects (eg. GI upset, irregular bleeding, etc) or who cannot take any medications by mouth. Patients should have tried at least a two different oral estrogen products (eg. Premarin, Estrace, Ogen).

02237313	<b>Rhoxal-Minocycline</b>	minocycline	50 mg	Capsules	RXP
02237314		HCl	100 mg		

- (a) For treatment of acne unresponsive to tetracycline or erythromycin;
- (b) For rheumatoid arthritis patients who have failed two other second line agents.

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02237971	<b>Saizen</b>	somatropin	5 mg/Vial	Injection	SRO
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- (a) For the long term management of children who have growth failure due to an inadequate secretion of normal endogenous growth hormone;
- (b) For treatment of children who have growth failure associated with chronic renal failure insufficiency up to the time of renal transplant;
- (c) For treatment of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome in patients whose epiphyses are not closed.

**Note: Use the appropriate vial strength, based on the weight of the patient, in order to avoid wastage.**

**Part 3**

**The following products will be considered for Pharmacare reimbursement upon an individual prescriber/patient request basis.**

Apo-Cisapride	cisapride	10 mg	Tablets	APX
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Available only under Health Canada's Special Assess Program.

All Chloramphenicol ophthalmic products will now be considered only under Part 3 with the following criteria:

- For patients who require treatment of an eye infection with a very broad spectrum antibiotic AND require a preservative-free product OR for patients with sensitivity and/or contraindications to fluoroquinolones.

**Drugs reviewed but not recommended for Pharmacare reimbursement at this time:**

02241377	<b>Metadol</b>	methadone HCl	10 mg/ml	Oral Concentrate	PMS
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**New Interchangeable Categories**

**The following new interchangeable categories and products were added:**

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• Generic Name			
DIN	Trade Name	Manufacturer	Price in Cents

• Desmopressin Acetate - 10 mcg/Spray			
00836362	DDAVP	FEI	2077.00
02242465	Apo-Desmopressin	APX	1454.00

• Hydromophone HCl - 1 mg -Tablets			
00705438	Dilaudid	KNO	16.63
00885444	pms-Hydromorphone	PMS	12.43

• Hydromophone HCl - 8 mg - Tablets			
00786543	Dilaudid	KNO	61.16
00885428	pms-Hydromorphone	PMS	45.72

• Nefazodone HCl - 50 mg - Tablets			
02087294	Serzone-5HT <sub>2</sub>	SQU	80.67
02242822	Apo-Nefazodone	APX	56.46

• Nefazodone HCl - 100 mg - Tablets			
02087375	Serzone-5HT <sub>2</sub>	SQU	88.00
02242823	Apo-Nefazodone	APX	61.60

• Nefazodone HCl - 150 mg - Tablets			
02087383	Serzone-5HT <sub>2</sub>	SQU	88.00
02242824	Apo-Nefazodone	APX	61.60

• Nefazodone HCl - 200 mg - Tablets			
02087391	Serzone-5HT <sub>2</sub>	SQU	102.67
02242825	Apo-Nefazodone	APX	71.86

• Vancomycin HCL - 500 mg/Vial - Injection			
00015423	Vancocin	LIL	2885.00
02241820	pms-Vancomycin	PMS	2453.00

• Vancomycin HCL - 1 g/Vial - Injection			
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00722146	Vancocin	LIL	5770.00
02241821	pms-Vancomycin	PMS	4904.00

NOTE: All warfarin products listed in the Manitoba Drug Benefits Formulary have been added to a new interchangeability category for warfarin, following an extensive and comprehensive review. Based on clinical and scientific evidence the Manitoba Drug Standards and Therapeutics Committee has determined that Apo-Warfarin, Coumadin and Taro-Warfarin are interchangeable. This decision is similar to the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario who have determined that Apo-Warfarin and Taro-Warfarin may be safely and effectively used in place of Coumadin.

• Warfarin Sodium - 1 mg - Tablets			
01918311	Coumadin	DUP	31.12
02242680	Taro-Warfarin	TAR	24.59
02242924	Apo-Warfarin	APX	21.80

• Warfarin Sodium - 2 mg - Tablets			
01918338	Coumadin	DUP	32.92
02242681	Taro-Warfarin	TAR	26.02
02242925	Apo-Warfarin	APX	23.05

• Warfarin Sodium - 2.5 mg - Tablets			
01918346	Coumadin	DUP	26.35
02242682	Taro-Warfarin	TAR	25.69
02242926	Apo-Warfarin	APX	18.45

• Warfarin Sodium - 3 mg - Tablets			
02240205	Coumadin	DUP	40.80
02242683	Taro-Warfarin	TAR	32.23

• Warfarin Sodium - 4 mg - Tablets			
02007959	Coumadin	DUP	40.80
02242684	Taro-Warfarin	TAR	32.23
02242927	Apo-Warfarin	APX	28.55

• Warfarin Sodium - 5 mg - Tablets			
01918354	Coumadin	DUP	26.40
02242685	Taro-Warfarin	TAR	27.55
02242928	Apo-Warfarin	APX	18.50

• Warfarin Sodium - 10 mg - Tablets			
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01918362	Coumadin	DUP	47.37
02242687	Taro-Warfarin	TAR	44.20
02242929	Apo-Warfarin	APX	33.15

**New Interchangeable Products**

The following products have been added to existing interchangeable drug categories:

			Price in Cents
• Captopril - 12.5 mg - Tablets			
02242788	Captopril	ZYM	23.32
• Captopril - 25 mg - Tablets			
02242789	Captopril	ZYM	33.00
• Captopril - 50 mg - Tablets			
02242790	Captopril	ZYM	61.49
• Captopril -100 mg - Tablets			
02242791	Captopril	ZYM	114.35
• Dexamethasone - 0.75 mg - Tablets			
02240685	Alti-Dexamethasone	ALT	**45.00
• Metformin HCl - 500 mg - Tablets			
02242794	Metformin	ZYM	13.38
• Metformin HCl - 850 mg - Tablets			
02242793	Metformin	ZYM	22.99
02242589	pms-Metformin	PMS	22.99
• Minocycline HCl - 50 mg - Capsules			
02237313	Rhoxal-Minocycline	RXP	58.85
• Minocycline HCl - 100 mg - Capsules			
02237314	Rhoxal-Minocycline	RXP	113.66
• Moclobemide - 150 mg - Tablets			
02243218	pms-Moclobemide	PMS	40.20

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• Moclobemide - 300 mg - Tablets			
02243219	pms-Moclobemide	PMS	87.71
• Terbinafine HCl - 250 mg -Tablets			
02242503	Gen-Terbinafine	GPM	277.71

- \*\* The price change has resulted in a change to the lowest price in the category.  
( ) Denotes the price of the lowest generic product in the product category.

**Product Deletions**

The following products have been deleted (notification was provided in Bulletin 30).

00441295	Ortho-Dienestrol	dienestrol	0.1 mg/g	Vaginal Cream
01918206	Stelazine	trifluoperazine	1 mg	Tablets
01918214	Stelazine	trifluoperazine	2 mg	Tablets
01918222	Stelazine	trifluoperazine	5 mg	Tablets
01918230	Stelazine	trifluoperazine	10 mg	Tablets

The following products have been deleted:

00024708	Diabinese	chlorpropamide	100 mg	Tablets
01968424	Floxin	ofloxacin	200 mg	Tablets
02237731	Sterile Cefuroxime Sodium	cefuroxime sodium	750 mg	Injection
02237732			1.5 gm	
02237733			7.5 gm	
02230447	Scheinpharm Clotrimazole	clotrimazole	1%	Cream
02229315	Schein- Desonide	desonide	0.05%	Cream
02229323				Ointment
02229556	Schein- Pilocarpine	pilocarpine hcl	1%	Ophthalmic Solution
02229555			2%	
02229554			4%	
02241598	Scheinpharm	ranitidine hcl	150 mg	Tablets



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	Ranitidine			
02241599	Scheinpharm Ranitidine		300 mg	Tablets

**Category Deletions**

The following categories have been deleted:

- Cefuroxime Sodium - 750 - Injection
- Cefuroxime Sodium - 1.5 gm - Injection
- Cefuroxime Sodium - 7.5 gm - Injection
- Chlorpropamide - 100 mg - Tablets
- Ofloxacin - 200 mg - Tablets

**Interchangeable Product Price Changes**

The following changes in prices have occurred:

00024694	Atarax	hydroxyzine hcl	10mg/5 ml	Oral Syrup	5.43
00891800	Diflucan	fluconazole	50 mg	Tablets	534.16
00891819			100 mg	Tablets	947.60
02141442	Diflucan-150	fluconazole	150 mg	Capsules	1604.00
00525596	Feldene	piroxicam	10 mg	Capsules	100.90
00525618			20 mg	Capsules	169.17
00632716			20 mg	Suppositories	196.79
00560952	Minipress	prazosin	1 mg	Tablets	31.27
00560960			2 mg	Tablets	42.46
00560979			5 mg	Tablets	58.37
00710121	Pepcid	famotidine	20 mg	Tablets	93.57
01916475	Percocet	oxycodone hcl acetaminophen	5 mg-325 mg	Tablets	66.51
01916572	Percodan	oxycodone hcl- ASA	5mg-325 mg	Tablets	80.15
02011956	Polytrim	trimethoprim sulfate/polymyxin B sulfate	1 mg/ 10,000-U	Ophthalmic Solution	265.65
00301175	Pred-Forte	prednisolone acetate	1%	Ophthalmic Suspension	384.78
00024325	Sinequan	doxepin hcl	10 mg	Capsules	27.33

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00024333			25 mg		33.52
00024341			50 mg		62.19
00400750			75 mg		89.28
00326925			100 mg		117.62
00578452	Vibra-Tabs	doxycycline	100 mg	Tablets	186.95
02132702	Zoloft	sertraline hcl	25 mg	Capsules	91.85
01962817			50 mg		183.70
01962779			100 mg		192.50

**\*\*The price change has resulted in a change to the lowest price in the category.**

**( ) Denotes the price of the lowest generic product in the product category.**

**Discontinued Products**

**Notice has been received from the manufacturer that the following products have been discontinued. They will be deleted with the next Formulary amendments.**

02041391	Antabuse	disulfiram	500 mg	Tablets
00024384	Atarax	hydroxyzine hcl	25 mg	Capsules
02169916	Aureomycin	chlortetracycline hcl	3%	Ointment
02042223	Inderal	propranolol hcl	120 mg	Tablets
00010014	Leritine	anileridine hcl	25 mg	Tablets
02170655	Methotrexate	methotrexate	20 mg/2 ml	Injection
02238070	Neptazane	methazolamide	25 mg	Tablets
02156059	Nifedipine	nifedipine	5 mg	Capsules
02156067			10 mg	
02154390	Nifedipine PA	nifedipine	10 mg	Tablets
02154404			20 mg	
02230239	Pilocarpine	pilocarpine hcl	6%	Ophthalmic Solution
02043556	Reglan	metoclopramide hcl	5 mg/ml	Injection
02043653	Serax	oxazepam	10 mg	Tablets
02220679	Schein-Atenolol	atenolol	50 mg	Tablets
02220687			100 mg	
02241826	Scheinpharm Amoxicillin	amoxicillin trihydrate	250 mg	Capsules
02241827			500 mg	
02229972	Scheinpharm B12	cyanocobalmin	1 mg/ml	Injection
02237729	Scheinpharm Cefaclor	cefaclor	250 mg	Capsules

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02237730			500 mg	
02242177	Scheinpharm Fluoxetine hcl	fluoxetine hcl	10 mg	Capsules
02242178			20 mg	
02219581	Schein- Gentamicin	gentamicin sulfate	5 mg/ml	Ophthalmic Solution
02239982	Scheinpharm Minocyclin	minocycline hcl	100 mg	Capsules
02220318	Scheinpharm Testone-CYP	testosterone cypionate	100 mg/ml	Injection
02230640	Scheinpharm Tobramycin	tobramycin sulfate	40 mg/ml	Injection
02219271	Schein Triamcine-A I	triamcinolone acetonide	40 mg/ml	Injection
00010464	Tofranil	imipramine hcl	10 mg	Tablets
00422053	Vancenase	beclomethasone dipropionate	50 mcg	Nasal Inhaler
00024368	Vibramycin	doxycycline	100 mg	Capsules

**Manufacturer Updates**

**The following change in manufacturer designation has occurred:**

**The following products have been transferred to AltiMed (ALT)**

DIN	Previous Brand Name	Current Brand Name	Generic
02174596	Syn-Amiloride HCTZ	Alti-Amiloride HCTZ	amiloride/ hydrochlorothiazide
02167808	Syn-Bromazepam	Alti-Bromazepam	
02167816	Syn-Bromazepam	Alti-Bromazepam	bromazepam
02167824	Syn-Bromazepam	Alti-Bromazepam	
00851639	Syn-Captopril	Alti-Captopril	captopril
00851833	Syn-Captopril	Alti-Captopril	
00851647	Syn-Captopril	Alti-Captopril	
00851655	Syn-Captopril	Alti-Captopril	
02103656	Syn-Clonazepam	Alti-Clonazepam	clonazepam
02103737	Syn-Clonazepam	Alti-Clonazepam	
02174618	Syn-Cyclobenzaprine	Alti-Cyclobenzaprine	cyclobenzaprine
00888524	Syn-Diltiazem	Alti-Diltiazem	diltiazem hcl
00888532	Syn-Diltiazem	Alti-Diltiazem	
01914138	Syn-Minocycline	Alti-Minocycline	minocycline hcl
01914146	Syn-Minocycline	Alti-Minocycline	
00851663	Syn-Nadolol	Alti-Nadolol	nadolol

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00851671	Syn-Nadolol	Alti-Nadolol	
00851698	Syn-Nadolol	Alti-Nadolol	
02084228	Syn-Sotalol	Alti-Sotalol	sotalol
02084236	Syn-Sotalol	Alti-Sotalol	
02194422	Syn-Ticlopidine	Alti-Ticlopidine	ticlopidine hcl
02053187	Syn-Trazodone	Alti-Trazodone	trazodone
02053195	Syn-Trazodone	Alti-Trazodone	
02053209	Syn-Trazodone	Alti-Trazodone	
00675369	Synflex	Synflex	naproxen sodium
01900897	Synflex DS	Synflex DS	
00851922	Gemfibroxil	Gemfibrozil	gemfibrozil
00851930	Gemfibroxil	Gemfibrozil	

**The following products have been transferred to OptimaPharma (OPT), a Division of Tara Pharmaceuticals Inc. (TAR)**

DIN	Previous Brand Name	Current Brand Name	Generic
02239068	Taro-Desoximetasone	Desoxi - Cream 0.05%	desoximetasone
02239069	Taro-Desoximetasone	Desoxi - Cream - 0.25%	
02241887	Taro-Desoximetasone	Desoxi - Gel - 0.05%	
00716863	Lyderm - Cream - 0.05%	Lyderm - Cream - 0.05%	fluocinonide
02236996	Lyderm - Ointment 0.05%	Lyderm - Ointment 0.05%	
02236997	Lyderm - Gel - 0.05%	Lyderm - Gel - 0.05%	
00598933	Tiamol - Cream 0.05%	Tiamol - Cream 0.05%	

**The following products have been transferred to Novartis (NVT):**

02229110	Famvir	famciclovir	125 mg	Tablets
02229129			250 mg	
02177102			500 mg	

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**The following products have been transferred to Hoffmann-La Roche Limited (HLR):**

02185881	Kytril	granisetron hcl	1 mg (2's & 10's)	Tablets
02088371	Kytril		1 mg/mL	Injection

**The following products have been transferred to Draxis Health Inc. (DRX):**

02042363	Mysoline	primidone	125 mg	Tablets
02042355			250 mg	Tablets

**Schein Pharmaceutical Canada Inc., has announced its closure, effectively *immediately*.**