
Bulletin #36

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 May 1, 2002.

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The following changes will be made to the Pharmacare benefit list effective May 1, 2002.

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Part 1 Additions

DIN	TRADE NAME	GENERIC	DOSAGE	FORM	MFG* ABB
02244798	Alti-Methotrexate Sodium	methotrexate	2.5 mg	Tablets	ALT
02240248 02240249	Alti-Timolol Maleate	timolol maleate	0.25% 0.5%	Ophthalmic Solution	ALT
02244021	Atacand Plus	candesartan cilexetil/hydrochloro- thiazide	16 mg/12.5 mg	Tablets	AZC
02243588	Gen-Nitro	nitroglycerin	0.4 mg	Spray	GPM
02244513 02244514 02244515	Novo-Gabapentin	gabapentin	100 mg 300 mg 400 mg	Capsules	NOP
02244494 02244495 02244496	Novo-Levocarbidopa	carbidopa/levodopa	10 mg/100 mg 25 mg/100 mg 25 mg/250 mg	Tablets	NOP
02240754 02240755	Novo-Misoprostol	misoprostol	100 mcg 200 mcg	Tablets	NOP
02244474	pms-Clobazam	clobazam	10 mg	Tablets	PMS
02244527 02244528 02244529	pms-Doxazosin	doxazosin mesylate	1 mg 2 mg 4 mg	Tablets	PMS
02238568	pms-Fluorometholone	fluorometholone	0.1%	Ophthalmic Suspension	PMS
02244125	pms-Misoprostol	misoprostol	200 mcg	Tablets	PMS
02243836	Rhoxal-amiodarone	amiodarone HCl	200 mg	Tablets	RXP
02243229 02243230	Rhoxal-ranitidine	ranitidine HCl	150 mg 300 mg	Tablets	RXP
02244999	sab-Pentason	gentamicin sulfate and betamethasone disodium phosphate	3 mg/1 mg/mL	Ophthalmic/ Otic Solution	SIL
02242466	Valtaxin	valrubicin	40 mg/mL	Injection	ANT
02242826	Vaseretic	enalapril maleate 5mg/hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg	5 mg/12.5 mg	Tablets	MFX

* Abbreviation of Manufacturer' Names

Part 3

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

• Codeine Contin	codeine monohydrate/sulfate	50 mg 100 mg 150 mg 200 mg	Controlled Release Tablets	PFR
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- A) For treatment of palliative and chronic pain in patients where hepatotoxicity is a concern due to high doses of acetaminophen (e.g. taking over 12 tablets of acetaminophen compound with codeine 30 mg per day) OR
- B) For treatment of codeine addiction using tapering doses (e.g. acetaminophen compound with codeine addiction).

• Diamicron MR	gliclazide	30 mg	Tablets	SEV
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- For patients poorly controlled on maximal doses of glyburide, metformin and diet (unless metformin is contraindicated because of renal/hepatic dysfunction or g.i. intolerance).

• Reminyl	galantamine hydrobromide	4 mg 8 mg 12 mg	Tablets	JAN
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Must have a confirmed diagnosis of Alzheimer Disease based on DSMIV criteria with memory impairment (impaired ability to learn new information or to recall previously learned information); plus at least one of the following:

- Aphasia; problems with language (receptive and expressive)
- Apraxia; impaired ability to carry out motor activities despite intact motor function
- Agnosia; failure of recognition, especially people
- Disturbance in executive functioning AND

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The above deficits have caused significant decline in function from previous levels; AND

A gradual onset and continued cognitive decline; AND

The absence of other causative conditions; AND

The deficits do not occur exclusively during the course of delirium. AND

Normal test results for all of the following values: CBC, TSH, Electrolytes, Vitamin B₁₂, Folate and Glucose. AND

The initial MMSE score must be between 10 and 26, and measured within 30 days of the application.

For continuance of coverage, the patient must have shown improvement or stabilization of symptoms and the MMSE score must be maintained above 10, and measured within 30 days of the application.

New Interchangeable Categories

The following new interchangeable categories and products were added:

• Generic Name			
DIN	Trade Name	Manufacturer	Price in Cents
• Betamethasone Disodium Phosphate and Gentamicin Sulphate - 1 mg/3 mg/mL - Ophthalmic/Otic Soution			
00682217	Garasone	SCH	150.48
02244999	sab-Pentasone	SIL	150.48
• Fluorometholone - 0.1% - Ophthalmic Suspension			
00247855	FML 0.1%	ALL	222.42
02238568	pms-Fluorometholone	PMS	177.96
• Nitroglycerin - 200 dose - 0.4 mg/dose - Spray			Per dose
02231441	Nitrolingual Pumpspray	AVE	6.65
02243588	Gen-Nitro	GPM	5.32

New Interchangeable Products

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

			Price in Cents
• Amiodarone HCl - 200 mg - Tablets			
02243836	Rhoxal-amiodarone	RXP	142.69
• Clobazam - 10 mg - Tablets			
02244474	pms-Clobazam	PMS	26.32
• Doxazosin Mesylate - 1 mg - Tablets			
02244527	pms-Doxazosin	PMS	38.12
• Doxazosin Mesylate - 2 mg - Tablets			
02244528	pms-Doxazosin	PMS	45.74
• Doxazosin Mesylate - 4 mg - Tablets			
02244529	pms-Doxazosin	PMS	59.46
• Gabapentin - 100 mg - Capsules			
02244513	Novo-Gabapentin	NOP	30.80
• Gabapentin - 300 mg - Capsules			
02244514	Novo-Gabapentin	NOP	74.92
• Gabapentin - 400 mg - Capsules			
02244515	Novo-Gabapentin	NOP	89.29
• Levodopa/Carbidopa - 100/10 mg - Tablets			
02244494	Novo-Levocarbidopa	NOP	**27.83
• Levodopa/Carbidopa - 100/25 mg - Tablets			
02244495	Novo-Levocarbidopa	NOP	**41.64
• Levodopa/Carbidopa - 250/25 mg - Tablets			
02244496	Novo-Levocarbidopa	NOP	**46.48

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• Methotrexate - 2.5 mg - Tablets			
02244798	Alti-Methotrexate Sodium	ALT	**70.37
• Misoprostol - 100 mcg - Tablets			
02240754	Novo-Misoprostol	NOP	**20.94
• Misoprostol - 200 mcg - Tablets			
02240755	Novo-Misoprostol	NOP	**34.87
02244125	pms-Misoprostol	PMS	**34.87
• Ranitidine HCl - 150 mg - Tablets			
02243229	Rhoxal-ranitidine	RXP	44.46
• Ranitidine HCl - 300 mg - Tablets			
02243230	Rhoxal-ranitidine	RXP	85.66
• Timolol Maleate - 0.25% - Ophthalmic Solution			
02240248	Alti-Timolol Maleate	ALT	**155.00
• Timolol Maleate - 0.5% - Ophthalmic Solution			
02240249	Alti-Timolol Maleate	ALT	**186.00

- ** 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 35).

00565369	Novo-Naprox	naproxen	125 mg	Tablets
02048515	Novo-Timol	timolol maleate	0.5%	Ophthalmic Solution

The following products have been deleted:

02243827	Apo-Ipravent	ipratropium bromide	125 mcg/mL	Unit Dose Vial (41.58)
02170000	Loxapac	loxapine HCl	25 mg/mL	Oral Liquid
02133334	Miocarpine	pilocarpine HCl	6%	Ophthalmic Solution
00127965	Myambutol	ethambutol HCl	400 mg	Tablets
00004782	Quinidine Sulfate	quinidine sulfate	200 mg	Tablets
02041677	Robidone	hydrocodone bitartrate	5 mg/5 mL	Oral Liquid

Category Deletions

The following categories have been deleted:

- Ethambutol HCl - 400 mg - Tablets
- Hydrocodone Bitartrate - 5 mg/5 mL - Oral Liquid
- Loxapine HCl - 25 mg/mL - Oral Liquid
- Pilocarpine HCl - 6% - Ophthalmic Solution
- Quinidine Sulfate - 200 mg - Tablets

Category Amendment

Note: Please note under the Manitoba Drug Interchangeability Formulary Regulation that the category Amethopterin - 2.5 Tablets has now been changed to Methotrexate - 2.5 Tablets.

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Interchangeable Product Price Changes

The following changes in prices have occurred:

02236399	Anodan-HC	zinc sulfate monohydrate/ hydrocortisone acetate	10 mg/10 mg	Suppositories	66.83
00370568	BenOxyl	benzoyl peroxide	10%	Lotion	19.36
00187585	BenOxyl	benzoyl peroxide	20%	Lotion	**21.51
00572349	Colchicine	colchicine	0.6 mg	Tablets	8.53
02036282	Coradone	amiodarone HCl	200 mg	Tablets	226.48
02213265	Dermovate	clobetasol - 17- propionate	0.05%	Cream	82.43
02213273	Dermovate	clobetasol - 17- propionate	0.05%	Ointment	82.43
02213281	Dermovate	clobetasol - 17- propionate	0.05%	Scalp Lotion	79.42
02239068	Desoxi	desoximetasone	0.05%	Cream	**30.64
02239069	Desoxi	desoximetasone	0.25%	Cream	**46.09
00705438	Dilaudid	hydromorphone HCl	1 mg	Tablets	**10.55
00786543	Dilaudid	hydromorphone HCl	8 mg	Tablets	**38.81
00889806	Eyelube	methylcellulose	0.5%	Ophthalmic Solution	**34.03
00874965	Eyelube	methylcellulose	1%	Ophthalmic Solution	**42.24
02130297	Haloperidol LA	haloperidol decanoate	50 mg/mL	Long Acting Injection	\$5.61
02130300	Haloperidol LA	haloperidol decanoate	100 mg/mL	Long Acting Injection	\$11.08
00716863	Lyderm	fluocinonide	0.05%	Topical Cream	**50.75
02236997	Lyderm	fluocinonide	0.05%	Gel	**37.62
02236996	Lyderm	fluocinoide	0.05%	Ointment	**37.07
02042991	Os-Cal	calcium carbonate	500 mg	Elemental Calcium Tablets	12.42
00695440	Quinine-Odan	quinine sulfate	200 mg	Capsules	11.72
00695459	Quinine-Odan	quinine sulfate	300 mg	Capsules	18.26
00514888	Selax	docusate sodium	100 mg	Capsules	4.22

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00598933	Tiamol	fluocinonide	0.05%	Emollient Cream	**26.80
02163934	Tylenol with Codeine No. 2	acetaminophen compound with codeine	15 mg	Tablets	6.55
02163926	Tylenol with Codeine No. 3	acetaminophen compound with codeine	30 mg	Tablets	7.21
01943200	Vitamin B ₆	pyridoxine HCl	25 mg	Tablets	**3.25 (2.37)

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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.

02041316	Amoxil	amoxicillin	125 mg/5 mL	Suspension
02042592	Amoxil	amoxicillin	250 mg/5 mL	Suspension
02169894	Asendin	amoxapine	50 mg	Tablets
00714488	Bisacolax	bisacodyl	5 mg	Enteric Tablets
00714917	Flamazine C	chlorhexidine gluconate silver sulfadiazine	2 mg/10 mg/gm	Cream
01979914	Hydromorphone HCl	hydromorphone HCl	3 mg	Suppositories
02228343	Loperacap	loperamide	2 mg	Tablets
02170663	Methotrexate Sodium	methotrexate	50 mg/2 mL	Liquid
00855820	Motilium	domperidone maleate	10 mg	Tablets
02238076	Phospholine Iodide	echothiophate iodide	6.25 mg/5 mL	Powder for Solution
02043556	Reglan	metoclopramide HCl	5 mg/mL	Injection
02043505	Quinidex Extentabs	quinidine sulfate	300 mg	Slow Release Tablets
02043688	Serax	oxazepam	30 mg	Tablets
02242914	Taro-Etodolac	etodolac	200 mg	Capsules
02242915	Taro-Etodolac	etodolac	300 mg	Capsules

Manufacturer Updates

The following change in manufacturer designation has occurred:

ERFA Canada Inc is a new Pharmaceutical Company, based in Montreal which has been granted a licence from AVENTIS Pharma for the Soframycin product line.

Old DIN	New DIN	Brand Name	Generic
01987674	02224879	Soframycin Skin Ointment	framycetin sulfate gramicidin
00026964	02224895	Soframycin Ophthalmic Ointment	framycetin sulfate
01987658	02224887	Soframycin Drops	framycetin sulfate

The following products have been transferred to OptimaPharma (OPT)

DIN	Current Brand Name	Generic	Dosage	Form
02213265	Dermovate	clobetasol 17-propionate	0.05%	Cream
02213273	Dermovate	clobetasol 17-propionate	0.05%	Ointment
02213281	Dermovate	clobetasol 17-propionate	0.05%	Scalp Lotion

Please note that Eprex 40,000 IU/mL Vial will be replaced with a 40,000 IU/mL Pre-Filled Syringe.

This new pre-filled syringe contains the same concentration and formulation as the 40,000 IU/mL vial and will carry the same DIN.

Format (Eprex 40,000 IU/mL)	DIN	Price (each)	Availability
40,000 IU/mL	02240722	\$535.80	To be discontinued in late 2002
40,000 IU/mL Pre-Filled Syringe	02240722	\$570.00	February 2002