

PharmaCare Low Cost Alternative & Reference Drug Program

DATA DICTIONARY

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LCA Data Dictionary

Column Heading	Description
DIN	Drug Identification Number (DIN)/ Natural Product Number (NPN) assigned to each of the products by the Health Protection Branch of Health Canada.
CHEMICAL NAME	The chemical name for each drug.
DRUG NAME	The product name associated with a specific manufacturer's version of a drug.
MAN	The manufacturer code assigned by Health Canada. For more information, please see the List of Manufacturer Codes .
FULL/PARTIAL BENEFIT	This column indicates whether or not a product will be automatically and fully covered by PharmaCare: F — the product is a "Full Benefit" and will be fully covered by PharmaCare, subject to the Maximum Pricing Policy. P — the product is a "Partial Benefit" and coverage is limited according to LCA or RDP pricing policy. P* —the product will be recognized as a full benefit if a Special Authority has been granted for an exemption from the RDP rules.
RDP	An "RDP" entry in this column indicates that the drug is subject to the rules of the Reference Drug Program (RDP). Claims for drugs that are RDP-designated will adjudicate according to LCA Program rules, and up to a maximum daily cost that is determined by the cost of the reference drug comparator. A "REF" entry indicates that the drug is a reference drug for the category. All claims for a "REF" drug adjudicate according to LCA Program rules. If this column is blank, the drug is not included in the RDP.
PLAN B ONLY	A "Y" in this column indicates that the product is a benefit for Plan B patients only . These drugs are subject to LCA or RDP rules.
SA	A "Y" in this column indicates that the product is a LIMITED COVERAGE DRUG that is covered only with an approved Special Authority (SA). Claims for SA drugs adjudicate to zero unless a Special Authority approval has been granted and entered on PharmaNet before the prescription is filled. All valid claims for an SA drug adjudicate according to LCA Program rules.
PROV	A "Y" entry in this column indicates that the drug has been listed on a provisional basis. Drugs listed on a provisional basis may be removed from the PharmaCare formulary at the Minister's discretion. For details, refer to the Drug Price Regulation.

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Pan-Canadian	A "Y" in this column indicates that the product is subject to the price point set by the Pan-Canadian Value Price Initiative for Generic Drugs. For details, refer to the PharmaCare Newsletter 16-001 .
Tiered Pricing Category	A "Y" in this column indicates that the product is subject to the price established in accordance with the Tiered Pricing Framework as agreed upon in the principle by the Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association (CGPA) and participating provinces and territories, including BC, as part of the Council of the Federation.
MAX PRICE	The price entered in PharmaNet as the maximum price that PharmaCare will reimburse for the drug. ^{1,2,3}
LCA PRICE	The maximum amount PharmaCare will reimburse for a partial benefit in a particular LCA category. ^{1,2}

RDP Data Dictionary

Column Heading	Description
RDP CATEGORY	A group of drugs, used to treat the same illness or condition, that are equally safe and effective. Within each category, fully covered ("reference") drugs are not subject to a daily maximum; partially covered ("non-reference") drugs are.
DIN	The Drug Identification Number (DIN)/ Natural Product Number (NPN) assigned to each of the products by the Health Protection Branch of Health Canada.
GENERIC NAME	The chemical name for each drug.
DRUG NAME	The product name associated with a specific manufacturer's version of a drug.
MAN	The manufacturer code assigned by Health Canada. For more information, please see the List of Manufacturer Codes .
RDP	The RDP price is determined by the cost of the reference drug. "Full (REF)" refers to the reference drug(s) in the category. "Partial (NONREF)" indicates that the drug will be reimbursed to a maximum of the price of the reference drug.

Additional Resources

For current LCA and RDP data, see the [LCA and RDP Data Files](#) on the PharmaCare website.

For complete information on the LCA program and RDP, refer to the PharmaCare Policy Manual:

- for the LCA Program, see [Section 5.11](#)
- for the RDP, see [Section 5.12](#)

¹ When there is a price in both the MAX PRICE and LCA PRICE column, claims adjudicate to the lower of the two prices.

² Please note that if a product is an RDP product, it will be adjudicated at the lesser of the MAX PRICE, LCA PRICE or RDP PRICE.

³ In some cases, the price entered in the LCA PRICE column may exceed that price entered in the MAX PRICE column.