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NEW REIMBURSEMENT COMES INTO EFFECT APRIL 1, 2013



As announced in [PharmaCare Newsletter 13-002](#), new Low Cost Alternative/ Reference Drug Program and Pan-Canadian reimbursement changes take effect on **April 1, 2013**.

Excel files detailing the reimbursement information are available at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/lca/lcabooklets.html.

INSULIN PUMPS NOW COVERED UNDER PHARMACARE PLAN F

Insulin pumps are now a benefit under PharmaCare Plan F (Children in the At-Home Program). Insulin pump supplies were and continue to be a benefit for patients on Plan F.

Patients on Plan F must still meet the established criteria for coverage of insulin pumps as detailed in the PharmaCare Policy Manual, [Section 5.17](#) available at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/5-13to5-22.pdf.

The use of PharmaNet is not intended as a substitute for professional judgment. Information on PharmaNet is not exhaustive and cannot be relied upon as complete.

The absence of a warning about a drug or drug combination is not an indication that the drug or drug combination is safe, appropriate or effective in any given patient. Health care professionals should confirm information obtained from PharmaNet, and ensure no additional relevant information exists, before making patient care decisions.

PHARMACARE BECOMES FIRST PAYER FOR RCMP

Effective **April 1, 2013**, PharmaCare will become first payer for B.C. members of the RCMP. RCMP members will be subject to the same requirements for eligibility—and receive the same plan coverage—as other British Columbians. Extended health benefits for members of the RCMP will continue to be provided through their usual private insurer.



Please note: PharmaCare is not the first payer for other federally covered patients, including those covered under Veterans Affairs Canada, the Canadian Forces, or the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program.

Claims submitted after April 1, 2013, at 6 a.m. will automatically adjudicate with PharmaCare as the first payer.

Please note the following when submitting claims for RCMP members:

Scenario	Result	Action Required
Claims submitted before April 1 that are reversed on or after April 1	PharmaNet will respond with the message NO REVERSAL MADE—ORIG. CLAIM MISSING.	None. The message simply indicates that the original claim was not adjudicated under PharmaCare.
Claims submitted between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. on April 1	If your pharmacy submits a claim for an RCMP member after the new policy takes effect (12 a.m. April 1) but before PharmaNet is fully updated, the claim may not adjudicate to PharmaCare.	If a claim does not adjudicate under PharmaCare during this 6-hour timeframe, reverse the claim and re-enter it after 6 a.m. on April 1. You will receive the error message above, which can be safely ignored.

BENEFITS

PharmaCare Plan D (Cystic Fibrosis) Formulary Update

Effective **March 18, 2013**, the Ministry, in collaboration with the Cystic Fibrosis stakeholders, has updated the Cystic Fibrosis formulary. Individuals with cystic fibrosis who are registered with one of the province’s four cystic fibrosis clinics receive coverage of digestive enzymes and other products listed in the Cystic Fibrosis formulary.

Information on PharmaCare Plan D (Cystic Fibrosis) can be found on the PharmaCare website at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/plans/index.html#pland.

More information on the eligible products and specific PINs can be found on the PharmaCare website at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pins/cfpins.html.

Important: Products listed in the Cystic Fibrosis formulary are eligible for coverage under Plan D only if they are purchased at a pharmacy in the same manner as prescription drugs. Plan D coverage is not available to patients in acute or extended care hospitals.

For information on reimbursement for these products, see [Section 7.5](#) of the PharmaCare Policy Manual at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/7-3to7-11.pdf.

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Limited Coverage Drug Program Benefits

The following products are eligible benefits under the Limited Coverage Program—by Special Authority only—for Fair PharmaCare and Plans B, C, and F. For the Special Authority criteria, please visit the [Special Authority Information](#) page on the PharmaCare website at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare.

DIN	DRUG NAME	PLAN G	PLAN P
02374803	asenapine (Saphris™) 5 mg sublingual tablet	Y	N
02374811	asenapine (Saphris™) 10 mg sublingual tablet	Y	N

Non-Benefits

The following products have been reviewed and will not be added as benefits under PharmaCare.

DIN	DRUG NAME
02377012	prucalopride (Resotran™) 1 mg tablet
02377020	prucalopride (Resotran™) 2 mg tablet