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NEW COMPOUNDED PRESCRIPTIONS POLICY

PharmaCare will be revising its Compounded Prescriptions Policy effective **December 3, 2012**, to address the increasing variety of compounds and the growing complexity and specialized nature of many compounds.



Changes will include:

- A standard schedule of compounding fees
- Clarification and expansion of the list of compounds PharmaCare covers
- Assignment of new, more specific Product Identification Numbers (PINs)

These changes are expected to provide significant time-savings to pharmacies, physicians, and the Special Authority Program.

Further details will be provided through a newsletter in advance of December 3, 2012.

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.

2012/13 PROVINCIAL INFLUENZA CAMPAIGN BEGINS

PharmaCare will pay pharmacists authorized to administer immunizations the \$10 fee for administering (by injection) publicly funded vaccinations to eligible B.C. residents.

Please note: Claims submitted in advance of the official campaign launch dates **will** be paid, provided the claim was submitted with one of the Product Identification Numbers (PINs) below.

The publicly funded influenza vaccines available this year are:

AGRIFLU™ (Novartis)	66124873
FLUAD™ (Novartis)	66124872
Vaxigrip® (Sanofi)	66124798

Pharmacists who have not already done so can place orders for the vaccines listed above through their local health units. Procedures may vary by health authority.

More information is available from the following resources:

- [Pharmacist Resource Guide for Publicly Funded Vaccines—2012-2013 Seasonal Influenza Vaccines](#)
- [Pharmacist Resource Guide for Publicly Funded Vaccines—Pneumococcal Polysaccharide \(23 Valent\) Vaccines](#)
- [PINs for Publicly Funded Vaccines 2012/2013](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions 2012/13](#)
- [Immunize BC](#)



PLAN B (RESIDENTIAL CARE) CAPITATION PAYMENTS—REMINDER

A reminder to pharmacies that provide services to residential facilities: You must submit your invoices to PharmaCare monthly, preferably before the end of the month following service. This ensures the information on the number of occupied and serviced beds for the month is accurate.

Submit a **single invoice** per month, with all contracted care facilities claimed on the same invoice:

1. On a **PharmaCare Prescription Invoice**, complete the following:
 - pharmacy identification (i.e., name and address of the pharmacy)
 - current date
 - number of claims submitted (i.e., number of claimed beds)
 - pharmacy code
 - total \$ amount of invoice
2. Write **Nursing Home Beds** at the top of the invoice.
3. Write the **month** to which the invoice applies at the top of the invoice. (The “current date” in step 1 does not always reflect the month of service.)
4. Sign the invoice and include your position in the pharmacy. (Unsigned invoices will be returned by PharmaCare without payment.)
5. Mail the invoice to PharmaCare Information Support.

To order additional invoices, contact the [PharmaNet HelpDesk](#).

For more information, see [Section 8.7](#) of the PharmaCare Policy Manual

PROSTHETIC/ORTHOTIC PROGRAM—UPDATE

Deadline for Applications for Financial Assistance

In order for their patients to receive coverage under PharmaCare's Prosthetic and Orthotic Program, prosthetic or orthotic health care providers must obtain **pre-approval**, on behalf of their patient, for any claims of \$400 or more.

Discuss PharmaCare options with your patients early to make sure they have sufficient coverage and that payment for the item can be processed before the end of the benefit year.

Submit all Applications for Financial Assistance to Health Insurance BC (HIBC) before **November 19, 2012**. This will allow time for applications to be processed for the 2012 benefit year.

Application forms are available on the PharmaCare website at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/suppliers.html. Fax completed applications to HIBC at **250-405-3590**.

Submitting applications as soon as possible is particularly important for 2012 claims as, due to the timing of holidays this year, **there will be no Prosthetic & Orthotic Committee meeting on December 26, 2012**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR PATIENTS

Patients who do not receive approval in time to be covered in 2012 or who do not receive their products before December 31, 2012, may be interested in the **Monthly Deductible Payment Option**.

This option allows a person or family who expects to meet or exceed their Fair PharmaCare deductible for the year to pay part of their deductible cost each month and get help with their prescription costs right away.

This can help your patients with costs early in the year.

A patient information sheet is available at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/FPC04.pdf.

Note: All families who need Fair PharmaCare Plan coverage must register before their claim is processed. Claims submitted before a patient has active Fair PharmaCare assistance cannot be covered. The patient, or patient's private insurer, will have to pay the full cost without assistance from PharmaCare.

Exchange Rate Update

The price list for prosthetic components is adjusted, as needed, based on the U.S. Exchange Rate published by the Bank of Canada.

Rates are reviewed regularly and adjusted whenever the rate changes by more than five cents and remains at a variance of five cents or more for at least five working days.

New U.S. Exchange Rate \$0.9782*

*Based on the [Bank of Canada](http://www.bankofcanada.ca) rate at the close of business on September 7, 2012.

Ostomy Benefits Clarification

PharmaCare covers ostomy supplies for patients who have undergone surgery on the bowel and/or bladder that results in a colostomy, ileostomy or urostomy, requiring the application of an external pouch.

PharmaCare does **not** cover catheters under any circumstances. The requirement for a catheter precludes the patient from being an eligible ostomy patient.

A list of PharmaCare Ostomy Benefits is available from the PharmaCare website at www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pins/pdf/Ostomy.pdf.

BENEFITS

Correction Regarding Ulticare Pen Needles

In the [PharmaCare Newsletter 12-010](#), we provided an incorrect DIN for UltiCare Pen Needles (32 gauge x 4 mm). Pharmacists should use the **PIN 999725** (Needles/Syringes—Insulin Use Only) when entering a claim for this item in PharmaNet, as this PIN is used for all needles and syringes for insulin therapy. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Limited Coverage Drug Program

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
2374900	dienogest (Visanne®) 2 mg tablet	N	N

Non-Benefits

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

DIN	DRUG NAME
2361663	silodosin (Rapaflo™) 4 mg capsule
2361671	silodosin (Rapaflo™) 8 mg capsule