BRITISH COLUMBIA | Ministry of Health

SPECIAL AUTHORITY REQUEST

DISEASE MODIFYING DRUGS FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Interferon Beta-1A (Avonex), Interferon Beta-1A (Rebif), Interferon Beta-1B (Betaseron, Extavia), Biosimilar Rituximab, Glatiramer Acetate (Glatect™, Mylan-Glatiramer), Dimethyl Fumarate (Tecfidera), Teriflunomide

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◯ **INITIAL**
Complete sections 1, 2, 3 & 4

◯ **RENEWAL**
Complete sections 1, 2, 3 & 5

◯ **SWITCH**
Complete sections 1, 2, 3 & 6

For up-to-date criteria and forms, please check: www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacarespecialauthority

Fax requests to 1-800-609-4884 (toll free) OR mail requests to: PharmaCare, Box 9652 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P4
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SECTION 1 – NEUROLOGIST'S INFORMATION

Prescriber's Name and Mailing Address	
College ID (use ONLY College ID number)	Phone Number (include area code)
CRITICAL FOR A TIMELY RESPONSE →	Neurologist's Fax Number

SECTION 2 – PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient (Family) Name	
Patient (Given) Name(s)	
Date of Birth (yyyy / mm / dd)	Date of Application (yyyy / mm / dd)
CRITICAL FOR PROCESSING →	Personal Health Number (PHN)

SECTION 3 – MEDICATION REQUESTED

◯ **INTERFERON BETA-1A (AVONEX)**
30 MCG IM ONCE WEEKLY

◯ **INTERFERON BETA-1A (REBIF)**
22-44 MCG SC THREE TIMES PER WEEK

◯ **INTERFERON BETA-1B (BETASERON, EXTAVIA)**
250 MCG SC EVERY OTHER DAY

◯ **GLATIRAMER ACETATE (GLATECT™, MYLAN-GLATIRAMER)**
20 MG SC DAILY

◯ **DIMETHYL FUMARATE (TECFIDERA)**
120 - 240 MG PO TWICE DAILY

◯ **TERIFLUNOMIDE**
14 MG PO ONCE DAILY

◯ **BIOSIMILAR RITUXIMAB**
INITIAL COVERAGE, TWO COURSES
1000 MG AT 0 & 2 WEEKS, FOLLOWED BY 1000 MG A MINIMUM 24 WEEKS AFTER.
RENEWAL, TWO COURSES
EACH COURSE IS 1000 MG, MINIMUM 24 WEEKS BETWEEN COURSES.

SECTION 4 – INITIAL COVERAGE CRITERIA: 15 MONTHS

☐ As monotherapy for the treatment of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis, diagnosed according to the current clinical criteria and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) evidence, OR, for Interferon Beta-1B, as monotherapy for secondary progressive multiple sclerosis.

☐ Prescribed by a neurologist from a designated multiple sclerosis clinic.

Most recent EDSS score _____ , date _____ .

PLUS for patients meeting all of the following:

☐ Ambulatory without or with aid (EDSS 6.5 or less), AND

☐ 18 years of age or older.

Please complete additional information on page 2 >>

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STATUS	EFFECTIVE DATE (YYYY / MM / DD)	DURATION OF APPROVAL

DISEASE MODIFYING DRUGS FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

PATIENT NAME	PHN	DATE (YYYY / MM / DD)

SECTION 5 – RENEWAL COVERAGE CRITERIA: 2 YEARS

☐ As monotherapy for the treatment of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis, OR, for Interferon Beta-1B, as monotherapy for secondary progressive multiple sclerosis.

☐ Prescribed by a neurologist from a designated multiple sclerosis clinic.

☐ The patient has had continued therapeutic benefit since the initiation of disease modifying therapy, outweighing any potential risks.

PLUS evidence of continued benefit (improvement or stabilization) as shown by at least ONE of the following:
(for patients 60 years of age and older, please complete section 5A, 5B and 5E below in full)

A. ☐ Reduction in relapse rate (decrease from _____ relapses per year to _____ relapses per year).

B. ☐ Improvement or stability of EDSS score. Most recent EDSS score _____ date _____

Previous EDSS score _____ date _____

C. ☐ MRI scan: Reduction or stability in lesion load.

D. ☐ MRI scan: Reduction in gadolinium enhancing lesions.

E. ☐ Overall clinical impression of benefit (provide details):

SECTION 6 – CHANGE OF THERAPY CRITERIA

A. MEDICATION TO BE DISCONTINUED

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B. CRITERIA FOR CHANGE IN MEDICATION

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☐ Prescribed by a neurologist from a designated multiple sclerosis clinic.

☐ Evidence of failure or intolerance as show by at least ONE of the following (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Lack of effectiveness
- ☐ Injection site reactions
- ☐ Flu-like symptoms
- ☐ Other (please specify):

SECTION 7 – PRESCRIBER'S SIGNATURE

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of, and in accordance with, the *British Columbia Pharmaceutical Services Act* 22(1) and *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* 26 (a),(c),(e). The information is being collected for the purposes of (a) administering the PharmaCare program, (b) analyzing, planning and evaluating the Special Authority and other Ministry programs and (c) to manage and plan for the health system generally. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, call Health Insurance BC from Vancouver at 1-604-683-7151 or from elsewhere in BC toll free at 1-800-663-7100 and ask to consult a pharmacist concerning the Special Authority process.

I have discussed with the patient that the purpose of releasing their information to PharmaCare is to obtain Special Authority for prescription coverage and for the purposes set out here.

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Prescriber's Signature (Mandatory)

PharmaCare may request additional documentation to support this Special Authority request.
Actual reimbursement is subject to the rules of a patient's PharmaCare plan, including any annual deductible requirement, and to any other applicable PharmaCare pricing policy.

Report all adverse events to Canada Vigilance toll-free 1-866-234-2345 (health professionals only).

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