



SPECIAL AUTHORITY REQUEST
SOFOSBUVIR IN COMBINATION WITH RIBAVIRIN (RBV)
FOR CHRONIC HEPATITIS C

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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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If PharmaCare approves this Special Authority request, approval is granted solely for the purpose of covering prescription costs. PharmaCare approval does not indicate that the requested medication is, or is not, suitable for any specific patient or condition.

Forms with information missing will be returned for completion. If no prescriber fax or mailing address is provided, PharmaCare will be unable to return a response.

Restricted to:

- Gastroenterologist Infectious Disease Specialist Other physician experienced with treating chronic Hepatitis C

SECTION 1 - PRESCRIBER INFORMATION

Form section for prescriber information including fields for name, address, college/MSP number, phone number, and fax number. Includes a 'CRITICAL FOR A TIMELY RESPONSE' warning.

SECTION 2 - PATIENT INFORMATION

Form section for patient information including fields for patient name, date of birth, date of application, and personal health number. Includes a 'CRITICAL FOR PROCESSING' warning.

Prescribers should consider the Common Drug Review recommendation regarding sofosbuvir plus velpatasvir treatment when selecting therapeutic options for patients with chronic hepatitis C genotype 2 or 3 infection.

SECTION 3 - BACKGROUND DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION

For the treatment of patients with Chronic Hepatitis C genotype 2 or 3 who meet all the following criteria:

- Genotype has been confirmed and a copy of the genotype report is attached.
Detectable levels of hepatitis C virus (HCV RNA) in the last twelve months and a copy of the quantitative HCV RNA report is attached.
Stage of fibrosis has been evaluated within ONE year by one of the following methods, and a copy of the report or most recent labwork (i.e. CBC, AST, ALT, bilirubin, albumin) is attached:
- Transient Elastography (kPa)
- liver biopsy confirmed
- FIB-4 score
- APRI score

AND confirm one of the following:

- A fibrosis stage F2 or greater (Metavir scale or equivalent).
OR
A fibrosis stage less than F2 (Metavir scale or equivalent) AND one or more of these additional conditions:
- Co-infection with HIV or hepatitis B virus.
- Post organ transplant (i.e. liver and/or non-liver organ transplant).
- Extra-hepatic manifestations. Supporting documentation must be submitted.
- Chronic kidney disease stage 3, 4 or 5 (i.e. eGFR < 60mL/min/1.73m² for at least 3 months).
- Co-existent liver disease with diagnostic evidence for fatty liver disease (eg. non-alcoholic steatohepatitis). A copy of ultrasound report is required.
- Diabetes and receiving treatment with anti-diabetic medication(s).
- Woman who is planning to get pregnant within the next 12 months.

Not eligible for coverage:

- 1. Patients who are at high risk for non-compliance.
2. Patients who are currently being treated with another HCV direct-acting antiviral agent.

PATIENT NAME	PHN	DATE (YYYY / MM / DD)
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**SECTION 4 – DURATION OF THERAPY**

**A. GENOTYPE 2:**

**Sofosbuvir with Ribavirin: 12 weeks (Coverage is for a maximum of 12 weeks. No renewals.)**

Treatment-naive or treatment-experienced<sup>1</sup> with no cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis<sup>2</sup>.

OR

**B. GENOTYPE 3:**

**Sofosbuvir with Ribavirin: 24 weeks (Coverage is for a maximum of 24 weeks. No renewals.)**

Treatment-naive or treatment-experienced<sup>1</sup> with no cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis<sup>2</sup>.

**NOTES:**

1. Treatment-experienced patients are patients who have previously been treated with pegIFN/RBV and did not receive an adequate response.
2. Compensated cirrhosis is defined as cirrhosis with a Child Pugh score = A (5-6).

**SECTION 5 – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Personal information on this form is collected, used and disclosed under the authority of, and in accordance with, the *British Columbia Pharmaceutical Services Act* and *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. It will not be disclosed to any persons without the patient's consent. The information you provide will be relevant to and used solely to (a) provide PharmaCare benefits for the medication requested, (b) to implement, monitor and evaluate this and other Ministry programs, and (c) to manage and plan for the health system generally. If you have any questions about the collection or use 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.*

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