

Drug Coverage Decision for B.C. PharmaCare

About PharmaCare

B.C. PharmaCare is a government-funded drug plan. It helps British Columbians with the cost of eligible prescription drugs and specific medical supplies.

Details of Drug Reviewed

Drug	Adalimumab
Brand Name	Humira®
Dosage Form(s)	40 mg in 0.8 mL solution for subcutaneous injection
Manufacturer	AbbVie Corporation
Submission Type	Ministry initiated review
Use Reviewed	Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS)
Common Drug Review (CDR)	Yes, CDR previous recommendation is: to Reimburse with clinical criteria and/or conditions. Visit the CDR website for more details: www.cadth.ca/sites/default/files/cdr/complete/SR0455_complete_Humira-HS_May-24-16_e.pdf
Provincial Review	Adalimumab was initially reviewed by the Drug Benefit Council (DBC) on June 6, 2016. This resubmission was internally reviewed because it did not include any new clinical data. For more details on the DBC previous review, please visit the Ministry website: www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare/decisions/adalimumab-humira-3440-dds.pdf
Drug Coverage Decision	Limited Coverage Benefit. Access the adalimumab criteria from www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacarespecialauthority
Date	March 6, 2018
Reason(s)	This decision supersedes the Ministry decision of April 18, 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry decided to join an agreement reached between the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA) and AbbVie Corporation. As a result, pricing concerns raised in the initial DBC recommendation have been addressed.
Other Information	None

The Drug Review Process in B.C.

A manufacturer submits a request to the Ministry of Health (Ministry).

An independent group called the [Drug Benefit Council \(DBC\)](#) gives advice to the Ministry. The DBC looks at:

- whether the drug is safe and effective
- advice from a national group called the [Common Drug Review \(CDR\)](#)
- what the drug costs and whether it is a good value for the people of B.C.
- ethical considerations involved with covering or not covering the drug
- input from physicians, patients, caregivers, patient groups and drug submission sponsors

The Ministry makes PharmaCare coverage decisions by taking into account:

- the existing PharmaCare policies, programs and resources
- the evidence-informed advice of the DBC
- the drugs already covered by PharmaCare that are used to treat similar medical conditions
- the overall cost of covering the drug

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