Drug Coverage Decision for BC PharmaCare

About PharmaCare BC PharmaCare is a publicly funded drug plan that helps B.C. residents pay for most prescription drugs and pharmacy services, and some medical devices and supplies.

Details of Drug Reviewed

Drug	**crovalimab**
Brand name	Piasky®
Dosage form(s)	340 mg/2 mL solution for injection
Manufacturer	Hoffmann – La Roche Limited
Submission type	**New Submission**
Indication reviewed	For the treatment of paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) in adults and adolescents 13 years of age and older with a body weight of at least 40 kg.
Canada's Drug Agency (CDA-AMC) Reimbursement Reviews	CDA-AMC recommended: **to Reimburse with clinical criteria and/or conditions**. Visit the CDA-AMC website for more details.
Ministry of Health (the Ministry) Review	The Ministry reviewed clinical and pharmacoeconomic combined reports prepared by the CDA-AMC, including clinical and pharmacoeconomic evidence review material and the recommendations of the Canadian Drug Expert Committee (CDEC). The Ministry also considered patient input provided to CDEC and a budget impact assessment.
Drug Coverage Decision	**Exceptional Coverage through the Expensive Drugs for Rare Diseases (EDRD) Process**
Date	June 3, 2026
Reason(s)	**Drug coverage decision is consistent with the CDEC recommendation.** • Crovalimab works the same as eculizumab in terms of stopping or slowing down the destruction of red blood cells in adult and adolescent patients with PNH, reducing the need for blood transfusion and improving

	hemoglobin levels. Compared to eculizumab, crovalimab demonstrated similar efficacy, safety, and health-related quality of life. • The Ministry participated in the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance negotiations with the manufacturer which were able to address the concerns identified by the CDEC with respect to the cost-effectiveness and value for money.

The drug review process in B.C.

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

An independent national organization called Canada's Drug Agency (CDA-AMC) provides evidence-based recommendations to public drug plans across Canada through its reimbursement review process. As part of the CDA-AMC's Clinical Reimbursement Review process, the Canadian Drug Expert Committee (CDEC) makes reimbursement recommendations for non-oncology pharmaceuticals to the participating federal, provincial, and territorial publicly funded drug plans. In developing its recommendations, the CDEC considers:

- whether the drug is safe and effective
- what the drug costs and whether funding it provides good value
- ethical considerations of covering or not covering the drug
- input from physicians, patients, caregivers, patient groups and drug submission sponsors

The Ministry makes a BC PharmaCare coverage decision by considering:

- existing BC PharmaCare policies, programs and resources
- the evidence-informed advice of the CDA-AMC
- the recommendations and reimbursement conditions of the CDEC
- if a Ministry Initiated review, the advice of an independent expert group called the Drug Benefit Council (DBC)
- BC-specific patient input collected through the Your Voice website
- drugs already covered by BC PharmaCare that treat similar medical conditions
- the overall cost of covering the drug
- the outcomes of pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA) negotiations with manufacturers

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