

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	Prasugrel
Brand Name	Generic (formerly, Effient®)
Dosage Form	10 mg tablet
Manufacturer	Jamp Pharma Corporation
Submission Type	Ministry Initiated
Use Reviewed	For the Health Canada approved indications for prasugrel, such as the prevention of atherothrombotic events in patients with acute coronary syndrome.
Common Drug Review (CDR)	No, CDR did not review
Provincial Review	The review of prasugrel as a PharmaCare Regular Benefit drug was reviewed internally and was not reviewed by the Drug Benefit Council (DBC).
Drug Coverage Decision	Regular Benefit
Date	December 14, 2021
Reasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing the PharmaCare coverage of prasugrel from a Limited Coverage benefit (requiring Special Authority approval) to a Regular Benefit will improve timely and continued access of the drug to patients. Given the availability of generic prasugrel on the Canadian market, the drug is more cost-effective than when the brand product of prasugrel was initially reviewed.
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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