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## ANNUAL GENERIC DRUG PRICE INCREASE

Suppliers may submit price increases for generic drugs once per year. For 2018, these price changes will come into effect on May 1 (not on April 1, as in other years). Pricing information will be available in the [Low Cost Alternative and Reference Drug Program data files](#) on May 1, 2018.

## PROCESS REMINDER FOR PHARMACY CHANGES

Pharmacies are responsible for informing PharmaCare when information about the pharmacy changes or if certain actions or events occur.

In accordance with the [Provider Regulation](#), a pharmacy must notify PharmaCare about changes within the time requirements detailed below. If this information is not received, PharmaCare payments to the pharmacy may be delayed or suspended.

All changes can be reported using the [Provider Change Form](#) (HLTH5433).

### Notification Requirements

CHANGE	NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT
Change in provider contact information	7 days prior to change.
Change of business or corporate name	7 days prior to change.
Change of owner	7 days prior to change.
Change of manager	7 days prior to change.
Change of location	7 days prior to change.
Change to power of attorney, board of directors, or corporate stakeholders (if applicable)	7 days prior to change.

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CHANGE	NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT
<b>Cancellation of provider sub-class</b>	<p><b>Methadone providers:</b> 30 days prior to the end of services.</p> <p><b>Plan B providers:</b> no later than the last day of the month before the final full month in which service will be provided.</p> <p><b>Device providers:</b> as soon as is reasonably practicable.</p>
<b>Notice of sale or closure</b>	30 days prior to change.
<b>Notice of certain actions or events</b> (including if the provider becomes subject to: any orders, suspensions or cancellations of billing privileges; judgments or convictions that would make the provider ineligible for PharmaCare enrollment; suspension or cancellation of a pharmacist's registration or the pharmacy licence; disciplinary action taken by a governing body; action or proceeding taken by the Canadian Board for Certification of Prosthetists and Orthotists; a requirement to pay an amount to a public insurer, other than BC PharmaCare); or if an owner has been the director of a corporation that has declared or been petitioned into bankruptcy.	Immediately.

For more information, please refer to the [Provider Enrollment Guide](#).