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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAiD) INTERIM CLAIMS SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

As of June 7, 2016, [Medical Assistance in Dying \(MAiD\)](#) is no longer criminal where it is provided in accordance with the parameters set by the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in [Carter](#). Until federal criminal legislation is passed by Parliament and comes into force, individual provinces and territories will determine how MAiD is delivered. In response, PharmaCare has established an interim process for claims submissions for MAiD prescriptions.



Please consult the [College of Pharmacists of B.C. guidelines](#) before participating in a MAiD process.

All MAiD medications will be 100% covered by PharmaCare, regardless of a patient's PharmaCare plan. Claims for MAiD regimens are subject to the [Full Payment Policy](#).

Please follow the procedure below when submitting claims for MAiD prescriptions. This interim process will be reviewed and changed as needed, and when federal legislation is enacted.

Receiving the prescription

The pharmacist receives the MAiD prescription from the prescribing physician.

- In accordance with the [College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC MAiD Standards and Guidelines](#), physicians must use the pre-printed orders for medications when issuing a prescription for MAiD, with a duplicate prescription if applicable.
- The prescription must be received and dispensed by a pharmacist.
- A MAiD prescription requires Special Authority, which should be in place prior to receiving the prescription in the pharmacy. One Special Authority request covers both the primary and secondary regimen. If the prescriber has not submitted the Special Authority request, please direct them to the [Application form](#).

The use of PharmaNet is not intended as a substitute for professional judgment.

Information on PharmaNet is not exhaustive and cannot be relied upon as complete.

The absence of a warning about a drug or drug combination is not an indication that the drug or drug combination is safe, appropriate or effective in any given patient. Health care professionals should confirm information obtained from PharmaNet, and ensure no additional relevant information exists, before making patient care decisions.

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The pharmacist can call the PharmaNet Help Desk to confirm that Special Authority coverage is in place and to discuss regimen specifics.

The Help Desk will transfer the pharmacist's call to a Special Authority pharmacist to discuss product options.

Preparing the prescription

MAiD prescriptions are for two regimens that, according to CPBC requirements, must be dispensed in tamper-proof kits:

- A primary regimen, which may be oral or intravenous, and
- A secondary regimen, which is always intravenous.

Submitting the Claim

For Oral Drug Regimen (with secondary Intravenous Regimen):

- For the compounded preparation, use **PIN 88000002** to claim the compounded preparation and compounding fee (the product cost includes the compounding fee). In the **SIG** field, enter the compound as **PB+CHLORHYD+MS ORAL CPD SUSP (MAiD)**.
- For the other components, consult the [list of PharmaCare-covered products](#) before entering the claim. Enter a claim for each **DIN** using the **DQ (Professional Fees Appropriate)** intervention code.

Using the intervention code ensures that a dispensing fee will be paid for all (nine) claims, as medications dispensed for MAiD are not subject to the Frequency of Dispensing policy.

- To claim the Clinical Services Fee of \$60, use **PIN 88000001**. Only one Clinical Services Fee can be claimed for a MAiD prescription.

This fee will be adjudicated in realtime and reimbursed according to the weekly payment schedule.

For Intravenous Drug Regimens:

As both the primary and secondary kits for the IV drug regimen are identical, PharmaCare can provide only one dispensing fee for each medication. To address this, PharmaCare covers a higher Clinical Services Fee for dispensing two intravenous regimens.

- Enter each **DIN** using the **DQ (Professional Fees Appropriate)** intervention code. Enter only one claim for each medication, for a total of four claims.

Using the intervention code ensures that a dispensing fee will be paid for all (four) claims, as medications dispensed for MAiD are not subject to the Frequency of Dispensing policy.

If the same components of both the primary and secondary kits are entered in separate claims, PharmaNet will reject the identical claims.

- To claim a Clinical Services Fee of \$100, use **PIN 88000000**. Only one Clinical Services Fee can be claimed for a MAiD prescription.

This fee will be adjudicated in realtime and reimbursed according to the weekly payment schedule.

Dispensing the Prescription

The pharmacist dispenses the MAiD regimen kits directly to the prescribing physician.

The pharmacist discusses the return of any unused medication with the prescribing physician, according to the [CPBC MAiD Dispensing Standards, Limits and Conditions](#).