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## SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM—UPDATES/CLARIFICATIONS



*Not sure which products require a prescription under the program?*

*Wondering how to make the claim?*

*Need to help a patient find more information?*

If you need fast information for dealing with **Nicotine Replacement Therapy** products and **prescription smoking cessation drugs**...

...check out the new **Quick Reference Information Sheet** for pharmacists:  
[www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/sc-pc-qr.pdf](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/sc-pc-qr.pdf).

For full information on the program, refer to the BC Smoking Cessation Guide for Pharmacists at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/sc-ppm.pdf](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/sc-ppm.pdf).

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.

## LOW COST ALTERNATIVE/REFERENCE DRUG PROGRAM—DATA FILES

Need information on the latest status of drugs included in these programs? Regularly-updated **Excel files** are available at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/lca/lca2011.html](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/lca/lca2011.html).

## 2011/12 PROVINCIAL INFLUENZA CAMPAIGN— PHARMACIST ACCESS TO PUBLICLY-FUNDED VACCINES



Pharmacists authorized to administer immunizations are invited to participate in the 2011/12 Provincial Influenza Campaign, which starts the week of October 11, 2011.

Similar to last year, authorized pharmacists will have access to two vaccines:

- Trivalent Influenza Vaccine for the 2011/12 season.
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23 valent.

A number of changes have been made since last year including:

- Staggered release of information for the public that varies by health authority.
- Modifications to vaccine ordering procedures in some health authorities.

These and other changes are captured in the updated

- **Pharmacists' Resource Guide for Publicly-Funded Vaccines** available at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/PFVGuide.pdf](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/PFVGuide.pdf)
- **Frequently Asked Questions** available at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/PFV-FAQs.pdf](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/PFV-FAQs.pdf).
- **Product Identification Numbers and basic claims submission information** available at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/PINs-PFV.pdf](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/PINs-PFV.pdf).

## MEDICATION REVIEW SERVICE— ONLINE TRAINING MODULE NOW AVAILABLE

The Clinical Services Committee (which consists of representatives from the BC Ministry of Health, the BC Pharmacy Association and the Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores) is pleased to announce that an online training module is now available to assist pharmacists.

The module is a valuable tool in learning the policies and procedures for providing medication review services to eligible patients and receiving PharmaCare payment for these services. It covers information current to August, 2011, including changes to patient eligibility criteria, service deliverables and documentation requirements.

This module was prepared by the University of British Columbia's Department of Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development. It is available free-of-charge at <http://cpd.pharmacy.ubc.ca/MedRevTraining>.

## FAIR PHARMACARE UPDATE—MONTHLY DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENT OPTION REMINDER

After September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, patients can no longer enrol in the Monthly Deductible Payment Option for the current year. They can, however, enrol for **next year**.

Enrolling at, or before, the start of the calendar year offers eligible individuals and families the smallest monthly payment.

## BENEFITS—LIMITED COVERAGE DRUG PROGRAM

The following products are eligible benefits under the Limited Coverage Program—by Special Authority only—for Fair PharmaCare and Plans B, C F, and, if applicable, Plan P or Plan G. For the Special Authority criteria, please visit the [Special Authority Information](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare) page on the PharmaCare website at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare).

DIN	DRUG NAME	PLAN G	PLAN P
02359502	Hydromorph Contin® (hydromorphone) 4.5 mg capsule	No	Yes
02359510	Hydromorph Contin® (hydromorphone) 9 mg capsule	No	Yes