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Manitoba Drug Benefits and Interchangeability Formulary Amendments



The following changes will be made to the Pharmacare benefit list effective
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Part 1 Additions

- Aggrenox - (dipyridamole/acetylsalicylic acid) - 200 mg/25 mg - Capsules - 02242119
- Apo-Dipivefrin - (dipivefrin HCl) - 0.1% Ophthalmic Solution - 02242232
- Apo-Dipyridamole-FC - (dipyridamole) - 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg - Tablets - 00895644, 00895652, 00895660
- Apo-Dipyridamole-SC - (dipyridamole) - 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg - Tablets - 00571237, 00571245, 00601845
- Cytovene - (ganciclovir) - 500 mg - Capsules - 02240362
- Desferrioxamine Mesilate - (deferoxamine mesylate) - 500 mg/Vial - Powder for Injection - 02241600
- Diovan-HCT - (valsartan/hydrochlorothiazide) - 80/12.5 mg, 160/12.5 mg - Tablets - 02241900, 02241901
- Lipidil Supra - (fenofibrate) - 100 mg, 160 mg - Film-Coated Tablets - 02241601, 02241602
- Novo-Dipiradol - (dipyridamole) - 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg - Tablets - 00784419, 00784427, 00784435
- Persantine - (dipyridamole) - 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg - Tablets - 00067385, 00067393, 00452092, 00452106
- pms-Deferoxamine - (deferoxamine mesylate) - 500 mg/Vial - Powder for Injection - 02242055
- Salofalk - (5-aminosalicylic acid) - 1000 mg - Suppositories - 02242146
- Taro-Warfarin - (warfarin sodium) - 1 mg, 2 mg, 2.5 mg, 3 mg, 4 mg, 5 mg, 6 mg, 7.5 mg, 10 mg - Tablets - 02242680, 02242681, 02242682, 02242683, 02242684, 02242685, 02242686, 02242697, 02242687

NOTE: The cost to Pharmacare for Taro-Warfarin and Coumadin products has been capped at the prices noted on Page 3.

The Manitoba Drug Standards and Therapeutics Committee have recognized and agreed with the strong evidence supporting the interchangeability between Taro-Warfarin and Coumadin products.

As a direct result of the request of many physicians throughout Manitoba, Manitoba Health has decided to cover both warfarin products, but not place either in an interchangeability category.

This decision will ensure professionals working with their patients will have direct control of their anticoagulation therapy, and that the patient's choice of what product they will receive will not result in greater health care costs.

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• Warfarin Sodium - 1 mg - Tablets		
01918311 - Coumadin	DUP	21.78
02242680 - Taro-Warfarin	TAR	21.78
• Warfarin Sodium - 2 mg - Tablets		
01918338 - Coumadin	DUP	23.04
02242681 - Taro-Warfarin	TAR	23.04
• Warfarin Sodium - 2.5 mg - Tablets		
01918346 - Coumadin	DUP	18.45
02242682 - Taro-Warfarin	TAR	18.45
• Warfarin Sodium - 3 mg - Tablets		
02240205 - Coumadin	DUP	28.56
02242683 - Taro-Warfarin	TAR	28.56
• Warfarin Sodium - 4 mg - Tablets		
02007959 - Coumadin	DUP	28.56
02242684 - Taro-Warfarin	TAR	28.56
• Warfarin Sodium - 5 mg - Tablets		
01918354 - Coumadin	DUP	18.48
02242685 - Taro-Warfarin	TAR	18.48
• Warfarin Sodium - 10 mg - Tablets		
01918362 - Coumadin	DUP	33.16
02242687 - Taro-Warfarin	TAR	33.16

Part 1 Deletion

- The following Pfizer product was switched from prescription to nonprescription status:

00220442 - Bonamine - (meclizine hydrochloride) - 25 mg - Tablets

Part 2 Additions and Amendments

- Estalis - (norethindrone acetate/estradiol-17 β) - 2.7/0.62 mg, 4.8/0.51 mg - Transdermal Patch
 - For patients with a history of thromboembolic disorders with increased triglycerides or with a history of cholelithiasis.
- The wording of the Celebrex and Vioxx Part 2 EDS coverage criteria has been changed for clarification to:
 -**NOTE: For treatment of osteoarthritis, patients must have completed an adequate trial of acetaminophen.** If a patient is receiving a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) for reflux disease, COX-2 inhibitors are not warranted for additional protection.

Part 2 Deletions

- Prepulsid - (cisapride monohydrate) - 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg Tablets - 1 mg/ml Suspension - 00836311, 00836338, 02054817, 00836354

NOTE: At the direction of Health Canada, PREPULSID **cannot be dispensed from Canadian pharmacies.** This became effective August 7, 2000. Following consultation with Health Canada, a mutually acceptable means of continuing to make the drug available to patients on a compassionate use basis could not be identified and implemented by that date.

- Apo-Dipyridamole-FC - (dipyridamole) - 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg - Tablets - 00895644, 00895652, 00895660 - **moved to Part 1**
- Apo-Dipyridamole-SC - (dipyridamole) - 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg - Tablets - 00571237, 00571245, 00601845 - **moved to Part 1**
- Novo-Dipiradol - (dipyridamole) - 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg - Tablets - 00784419, 00784427, 00784435 - **moved to Part 1**
- Persantine - (dipyridamole) - 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg Tablets - 00067385, 00067393, 00452092, 00452106 - **moved to Part 1**

Part 3

The following products will be considered for Pharmacare reimbursement upon an individual prescriber/patient request basis.

- Avandia - (rosiglitazone maleate) - 2 mg, 4 mg, 8 mg - Tablets
 - (1) For use as second line therapy for Type 2 diabetics who are not optimally controlled on maximal doses of metformin and either a sulfonylurea or repaglinide, or with contraindications to any of these agents.
 - (2) For Type 2 diabetics on high doses of insulin (over two units per kilogram) and on maximally tolerated doses of metformin who are not achieving optimal control.

NOTE: Avandia should be used as an add-on to preexisting therapy and not a substitution.

- Diane-35 - (cyproterone acetate/ethinyl estradiol) - 2mg/35 mcg - Tablets
 - For the treatment of severe refractory acne or hirsutism not responding to standard therapy.
- Diastat - (diazepam) - 5 mg/ml - Rectal Gel
 - For the control of acute repetitive seizures in:
 - (a) pediatric or mentally challenged patients who cannot take or are not responsive to SL lorazepam.
 - (b) any patients who have failed treatment with SL lorazepam.
- Proleukin - (aldesleukin) - 22 MIU/Vial - Powder for Solution
 - (a) For the treatment of metastatic renal carcinoma in patients with good performance status and lung or soft tissue metastases;
 - (b) For the treatment of stage IV melanoma in combination with subcutaneous alpha interferon for patients with good performance status.
- Rebetrone - For the treatment of Hepatitis C in patients who meet the following criteria:
 - 1) +ve HCV RNA PCR
 - 2) ALT > 1.5x ULN or a liver biopsy revealing \geq grade 2 and/or stage 2
 - 3) No medical contraindications

- 4) Not pregnant or family planning within 6 months of termination of treatment
- 5) Special consideration must be given to those with liver transplants or acute HCV where 3 months of treatment may prevent chronic illness.

- Stemgen - (ancestim) - 1875 mcg - Subcutaneous Injection
- When given with filgrastim following chemotherapy for the purposes of blood transplantation in all patients with:
 - Multiple myeloma or Hodgkins disease and a history of extensive prior chemotherapy.
 - Extensive prior pelvic irradiation.
 - Failure to respond to standard therapy (eg. chemotherapy and filgrastim).

Drugs reviewed but not recommended for Pharmacare reimbursement at this time:

- Para Special Shampoo for Lice & Nits - (bioallethrin/piperonyl butoxide) 1.1%/4.4% - Shampoo
- Para Special Spray for Lice & Nits - (bioallethrin/petroleum/piperonyl butoxide) - 6.6/333.6/26.4 mg/gm - Aerosol Spray
- Tamiflu - (oseltamivir phosphate) - 75 mg - Capsules

New Interchangeable Categories

The following new interchangeable categories and products were added:

	Price in Cents
• Betamethasone Disodium Phosphate/ Betamethasone Acetate 3mg/3 mg/ml - Injectable Suspension	
00028096 - Celestone Soluspan	SCH 434.50
02237835 - Betaject	SIL 434.50
• Deferoxamine Mesylate - 500 mg/Vial - Powder for Injection	
01981242 - Desferal	NVT 1437.70
02242055 - pms-Deferoxamine	PMS 1078.00
02241600 - Desferrioxamine Mesilate	FLD 899.80

New Interchangeable Products

The following products have been added to existing interchangeable drug categories:

- Dipivefrin HCl - 0.1% - Ophthalmic Solution
00529117 - Propine ALL 173.91
02242232 - Apo-Dipivefrin APX 129.90

Product Deletions

The following products have been deleted (notification was provided in Bulletin 26):

- 00872326 - Beclomethasone Dipropionate - (beclomethasone dipropionate) - 50 mcg - Nasal Spray
- 00606200 - Ibuprofen - (ibuprofen) - 300 mg - Tablets
- 00606219 - Ibuprofen - (ibuprofen) - 400 mg - Tablets
- 00606227 - Ibuprofen - (ibuprofen) - 600 mg - Tablets
- 02146835 - Minoxigaine - (minoxidil) - 2% - Topical Solution
- 02230220 - Novo-Flunarizine - (flunarizine) - 5 mg - Capsules
- 00707465 - Ophtho-Sulf - (sulfacetamide sodium) - 10% - Ophthalmic Solution
- 00610623 - Prednisone - (prednisone) - 5 mg - Tablets

The following products have been deleted:

- 00177024 - Metimyd - (sulfacetamide sodium-prednisolone acetate) - 100 mg-5 mg/ml - Ophthalmic Suspension
- 00037419 - Novo-Triptyn - (amitriptyline HCl) - 25 mg - Tablets
- 00023795 - Phenobarbital - (phenobarbital) - 15 mg - Tablets
- 00023809 - Phenobarbital - (phenobarbital) - 30 mg - Tablets
- 00023817 - Phenobarbital - (phenobarbital) - 60 mg - Tablets
- 00654515 - pms-amitriptyline - (amitriptyline HCl) - 25 mg - Tablets
- 01934821 - Robidrine - (pseudoephedrine) - 60 mg - Tablets

Category Deletion

The following categories have been deleted:

- Phenobarbital - 15 mg - Tablets
- Phenobarbital - 30 mg - Tablets
- Phenobarbital - 60 mg - Tablets
- Pseudoephedrine HCl - 60 mg - Tablets
- Sulfacetamide Sodium-Prednisolone Acetate-100 mg-5 mg/mL-Ophthalmic Suspension

Interchangeable Product Price Changes

The following changes in prices have occurred:

- 00545015 - Apo-Acetazolamide - (acetazolamide) - 250 mg - Tablets - 5.40
00335053 - Apo-Amitriptyline - (amitriptyline HCl) - 10 mg - Tablets - 1.80
00335061 - Apo-Amitriptyline - (amitriptyline HCl) - 25 mg - Tablets - 3.00**
00335088 - Apo-Amitriptyline - (amitriptyline HCl) - 50 mg - Tablets - 5.40
00426857 - Apo-Benztropine - (benztropine mesylate) - 2 mg - Tablets - 5.40**
00545023 - Apo-Bisacodyl - (bisacodyl) - 5 mg - Enteric Tablets - 5.40
00522724 - Apo-Chlordiazepoxide - (chlordiazepoxide HCl) - 5 mg - Capsules - 2.90
00522988 - Apo-Chlordiazepoxide - (chlordiazepoxide HCl) - 10 mg - Capsules - 4.20
00522996 - Apo-Chlordiazepoxide - (chlordiazepoxide HCl) - 25 mg - Capsules - 5.30
00399302 - Apo-Chlorpropamide - (chlorpropamide) - 100 mg - Tablets - 7.20**
00312711 - Apo-Chlorpropamide - (chlorpropamide) - 250 mg - Tablets - 9.90
00360279 - Apo-Chlorthalidone - (chlorthalidone) - 50 mg - Tablets - 5.70
00360287 - Apo-Chlorthalidone - (chlorthalidone) - 100 mg - Tablets - 8.10
00405329 - Apo-Diazepam - (diazepam) - 2 mg - Tablets - 2.10
00362158 - Apo-Diazepam - (diazepam) - 5 mg - Tablets - 3.30
00405337 - Apo-Diazepam - (diazepam) - 10 mg - Tablets - 4.50
00521698 - Apo-Flurazepam - (flurazepam HCl) - 15 mg - Capsules - 8.10
00521701 - Apo-Flurazepam - (flurazepam HCl) - 30 mg - Capsules - 9.30
00426849 - Apo-Folic - (folic acid) - 5 mg - Tablets - 1.80
00396788 - Apo-Furosemide - (furosemide) - 20 mg - Tablets - 2.95
00362166 - Apo-Furosemide - (furosemide) - 40 mg - Tablets - 5.35
00326844 - Apo-Hydro - (hydrochlorothiazide) - 25 mg - Tablets - 2.10**
00312800 - Apo-Hydro - (hydrochlorothiazide) - 50 mg - Tablets - 2.70

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00646059 - Apo-Hydroxyzine - (hydroxyzine HCl) - 10 mg - Capsules - 5.90
00646024 - Apo-Hydroxyzine - (hydroxyzine HCl) - 25 mg - Capsules - 8.30
00646016 - Apo-Hydroxyzine - (hydroxyzine HCl) - 50 mg - Capsules - 10.70
00360201 - Apo-Imipramine - (imipramine HCl) - 10 mg - Tablets - 3.30
00312797 - Apo-Imipramine - (imipramine HCl) - 25 mg - Tablets - 5.65
00326852 - Apo-Imipramine - (imipramine HCl) - 50 mg - Tablets - 8.10
00360252 - Apo-Methyldopa - (methyldopa) - 125 mg - Tablets - 5.90
00360260 - Apo-Methyldopa - (methyldopa) - 250 mg - Tablets - 9.30
00426830 - Apo-Methyldopa - (methyldopa) - 500 mg - Tablets - 17.70
00545066 - Apo-Metronidazole - (metronidazole) - 250 mg - Oral Tablets - 6.90
00319511 - Apo-Nitrofurantoin - (nitrofurantoin) - 50 mg - Tablets - 8.10
00312738 - Apo-Nitrofurantoin - (nitrofurantoin) - 100 mg - Tablets - 11.70
00402680 - Apo-Oxazepam - (oxazepam) - 10 mg - Tablets - 2.10
00402745 - Apo-Oxazepam - (oxazepam) - 15 mg - Tablets - 3.30
00402737 - Apo-Oxazepam - (oxazepam) - 30 mg - Tablets - 4.50
00312789 - Apo-Phenylbutazone - (phenylbutazone) - 100 mg - Tablets - 3.30
00312770 - Apo-Prednisone - (prednisone) - 5 mg - Tablets - 2.50
00441759 - Apo-Sulfinpyrazone - (sulfinpyrazone) - 100 mg - Tablets - 12.00
00441767 - Apo-Sulfinpyrazone - (sulfinpyrazone) - 200 mg - Tablets - 19.80
00580929 - Apo-Tetra - (tetracycline HCl) - 250 mg - Capsules - 3.60
00360228 - Apo-Thioridazine - (thioridazine HCl) - 10 mg - Tablets - 3.30
00360198 - Apo-Thioridazine - (thioridazine HCl) - 25 mg - Tablets - 5.70
00360236 - Apo-Thioridazine - (thioridazine HCl) - 50 mg - Tablets - 9.30
00360244 - Apo-Thioridazine - (thioridazine HCl) - 100 mg - Tablets - 15.30
00312762 - Apo-Tolbutamide - (tolbutamide) - 500 mg - Tablets - 5.70
00345539 - Apo-Trifluoperazine - (trifluoperazine) - 1 mg - Tablets - 3.30**
(lowest 2.64)
00312754 - Apo-Trifluoperazine - (trifluoperazine) - 2 mg - Tablets - 4.50
00312746 - Apo-Trifluoperazine - (trifluoperazine) - 5 mg - Tablets - 6.90
00326836 - Apo-Trifluoperazine - (trifluoperazine) - 10 mg - Tablets - 10.50
00595942 - Apo-Trifluoperazine - (trifluoperazine) - 20 mg - Tablets - 15.60
00545058 - Apo-Trihex - (trihexyphenidyl HCl) - 2 mg - Tablets - 2.10
00545074 - Apo-Trihex - (trihexyphenidyl HCl) - 5 mg - Tablets - 3.30
02241882 - Gen-Carbamazepine CR - (carbamazepine) - 200 mg - Sustained
Release Tablets - 20.75**
02241883 - Gen-Carbamazepine CR - (carbamazepine) - 400 mg - Sustained
Release Tablets - 41.53**
00717509 - Nu-Medopa - (methyldopa) - 250 mg - Tablets - 10.23
00717576 - Nu-Medopa - (methyldopa) - 500 mg - Tablets - 19.47
02045680 - Nu-Sulfinpyrazone - (sulfinpyrazone) - 100 mg - Tablets - 13.20
02045699 - Nu-Sulfinpyrazone - (sulfinpyrazone) - 200 mg - Tablets - 21.78

** The price change has resulted in a change to the lowest price in the category.

(I) Notes the price of the lowest generic product in the product category.

Discontinued Products

Notice has been received from the manufacturer that the following products have been discontinued. They will be deleted with the next Formulary amendments.

02041480 - Atromid-S - (clofibrate) - 500 mg - Capsules
02155931 - Cipro - (ciprofloxacin HCl) - 100 mg - Oral Tablets
00026131 - Cardioquin - (quinidine polygalacturonate) - 275 mg - Tablets
00417254 - Diprogen - (betamethasone dipropionate-gentamicin) Ointment
00555665 - Eldisine - (vindesine sulfate) - 5 mg/Vial - Powder for Solution
00000302 - Erythrocin - (erythromycin stearate) - 125 mg/5 ml - Liquid
00273023 - Erythrocin - (erythromycin stearate) - 250 mg/5 ml - Liquid
02133245 - Gentacidin - (gentamicin sulfate) - 3 mg/ml - Ophthalmic Solution
00599085 - Haldol LA - (haloperidol decanoate) 50 mg/ml - Long Acting Injection
02169983 - Ledercillin VK - (penicillin V potassium) - 500 mg - Tablets
00340758 - Ortho-Novum 1/50 - (norethindrone and mestranol) - Dialpak 28 day
Tablets
02239825 - Proclim - (medroxyprogesterone acetate) - 2.5 mg - Tablets
02239826 - Proclim - (medroxyprogesterone acetate) - 5 mg - Tablets
02239827 - Proclim - (medroxyprogesterone acetate) - 10 mg - Tablets
02043548 - Reglan - (metoclopramide HCl) - 5 mg/5 ml - Oral Liquid
00029165 - Rubramin - (cyanocobalamin) - 1 mg/mL - Injection
00028347 - Sodium Sulamyd - (sulfacetamide sodium) 10% Ophthalmic
Ointment
00028061 - Sodium Sulamyd - (sulfacetamide sodium) 30% - Ophthalmic
Solution
00014958 - Temposil - (calcium carbimide) - 50 mg - Tablets
00980609 - Tes-Tape - Urine test strip
00364126 - Tolectin - (tolmetin sodium) - 200 mg - Tablets

Manufacturer Updates

The following change in manufacturer designation has occurred:

- 00621447 - Anuzinc - (zinc sulfate) - 0.5% Topical Ointment - now Sabex (SIL) product
- 00621439 - Anuzinc - (zinc sulfate) - 10 mg - Suppositories - now Sabex (SIL) product
- 00313815 - Orap - (pimozide) - 2 mg - Tablets - now Pharmascience (PMS) product
- 00313823 - Orap - (pimozide) - 4 mg - Tablets - now Pharmascience (PMS) product

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- 02233960 - Rho-clonazepam - (clonazepam) - 0.5 mg - Tablets - (Name change to Rhoxal-clonazepam)
- 02233982 - Rho-clonazepam - (clonazepam) - 1 mg - Tablets - (Name change to Rhoxal-clonazepam)
- 02233985 - Rho-clonazepam - (clonazepam) - 2 mg - Tablets - (Name change to Rhoxal-clonazepam)
- 02233999 - Rho-metformin - (metformin hydrochloride) - 500 mg - Tablets - (Name change to Rhoxal-metformin)
- 02234008 - Rho-Sotalol - (sotalol hydrochloride) - 80 mg - Tablets (Name change to Rhoxal-Sotalol)
- 02234013 - Rho-Sotalol - (sotalol hydrochloride) - 160 mg - Tablets (Name change to Rhoxal-Sotalol)