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NEW PRODUCTS ADDED TO THE NOVA SCOTIA FORMULARY

NEW PRODUCTS

The following cost neutral line extensions are new listings to the Nova Scotia Formulary, **effective June 21, 2010**. The benefit status of these products within the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs is indicated.

CATEGORY & PRODUCT	DIN/PIN	MFR	PRESCRIBER	STATUS
AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu with Mask (Lg)	96899969	TMI	DR NP P	SFC
AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu with Mask (Med)	96899970	TMI	DR NP P	SFC
AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu with Mouthpiece	96899968	TMI	DR NP P	SFC
AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu with Mask (Sm)	96899971	TMI	DR NP P	FC
Atacand [®] Plus 32/12.5mg Tab	02332922	AZE	DR NP	SF
Atacand [®] Plus 32/25mg Tab	02332957	AZE	DR NP	SF
Coversyl [®] Plus HD 8mg/2.5mg Tab	02321653	SEV	DR NP	SF
Oxycontin [®] 15mg CR Tab	02323192	PFR	DR	E*(SFC)
Oxycontin [®] 30mg CR Tab	02323206	PFR	DR	E*(SFC)
Oxycontin [®] 60mg CR Tab	02323214	PFR	DR	E*(SFC)

* Already established criteria will apply.

NON INSURED PRODUCTS

The following cost neutral line extensions are not insured under Pharmacare Programs, however, will be funded as per other products in the line through the Dalhousie MS Research Unit.

CATEGORY & PRODUCT	DIN/PIN	MFR	PRESCRIBER	STATUS
Betaseron [®] Initiation Pack	02169649	BAY		NOT INSURED
Rebif [®] 22mcg Multidose Cartridges	02318253	EMD		NOT INSURED
Rebif [®] 44mcg Multidose Cartridges	02318261	EMD		NOT INSURED

NEW DIABETIC PRODUCTS-SPECIAL MAC

The following products are new listings to the Nova Scotia Formulary, **effective June 21, 2010**. The benefit status and MAC price of each product within the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs are indicated.

PRODUCT	DIN/PIN	MFR	PRODUCT NUMBER	PRESCRIBER	STATUS	SPECIAL MAC
TRUEtest Blood Glucose Test Strips (50)	97799531	HOM	E3i20-81	DR NP P	SFD	0.5741
TRUEtest Blood Glucose Test Strips (100)	97799532	HOM	E3i20-80	DR NP P	SFD	0.5741

REINSTATEMENT OF PREMARIN® PRODUCTS

Please be advised that the benefit status of Premarin® has been reinstated. After announcing a large price increase, the products were delisted. See Pharmacists' Bulletin June 2009 Vol 09-05 for details. However, the price has subsequently decreased and while these price fluctuations are regrettable, the products have been relisted as benefits on the Pharmacare Programs.

CATEGORY & PRODUCT	DIN/PIN	MFR	PRESCRIBER	STATUS
Premarin® 0.3mg Tab	02043394	WAY	DR NP	SFC
Premarin® 0.625mg Tab	02043408	WAY	DR NP	SFC
Premarin® 1.25mg Tab	02043424	WAY	DR NP	SFC

PHARMACARE REIMBURSEMENT

CORRECTION TO DIN

Please note that the DIN for Novo-Olanzapine ODT 20mg tab was inadvertently listed as 02121386 in the May 2010 Bulletin Volume 10-06. The correct DIN is 02321386.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please do not hesitate to contact the Pharmacare Programs if you have any questions or concerns.

PRODUCT	DIN/PIN	MFR	PRESCRIBER	STATUS APR 1, 2010	MAC APRIL 1, 2010
olanzapine ODT 20mg tab					
Novo-Olanzapine OD 20mg tab	02321386	NOP	DR NP	E(SF)	7.5977

CHANGE IN MAC PRICING

Due to notification of price change the Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) for the following will be effective immediately.

PRODUCT	DIN	NEW MAC PRICE
Loratadine 10mg tab		
APC-Loratadine 10mg tab	02243880	0.6267
Apo-Loratadine 10mg tab	02243880	0.6267
Claritin 10mg tab	00782696	0.6267

MANUFACTURER SHORTAGE OF LOWEST PRICED PRODUCT

The following are MAC categories for which the lowest priced product is currently unavailable. Therefore, effective immediately, the products indicated below will be paid Actual Acquisition Cost (AAC). The established MAC price will be reinstated as a lower priced product becomes available.

CATEGORY	DIN	PRODUCT	MFR
amoxicillin & enzyme inhibitor 250mg/5mL susp	01916874	Clavulin-250F 250mg/5mL susp	GSK
amoxicillin & enzyme inhibitor 400mg/5mL susp	02238830	Clavulin-400 400mg/5mL susp	GSK
amoxicillin & enzyme inhibitor 500mg tab	01916858	Clavulin-500F 500mg tab	GSK
benazepril 5mg tab	00885835	Lotensin 5mg tab	NVR
benazepril 10mg tab	00885843	Lotensin 10mg tab	
benazepril 20mg tab	00885851	Lotensin 15mg tab	
betahistine 16mg tab	02243878	Serc 16mg tab	SPH
betahistine 24mg tab	02247998	Serc 24mg tab	
betamethasone & gentamicin oph/otic sol	00682217	Garasone oph/otic sol	SCH
cefuroxime axetil 250mg tab	02212277	Ceftin 250mg tab	GSK
cefuroxime axetil 500mg tab	02212285	Ceftin 500mg tab	
cilazapril 5mg & hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tab	02181479	Inhibace Plus 5mg/12.5mg tab	HLR
clonidine HCl 0.1mg tab	00259527	Catapres 0.1mg tab	BOE
diltiazem 240mg ER cap	02231152	Tiazac 240mg ER cap	BVL
erythromycin Base 333mg cap	00873454	ERYC 333mg cap	PFI
estradiol 50mcg/day patch	02244000	Estradot 50mcg/day patch	NVR
flecainide 50mg tab	01966197	Tambocor 50mg tab	GWP
flecainide 100mg tab	01966200	Tambocor 100mg tab	
gentamicin 0.3% otic sol	00512184	Garamycin 0.3% Otic sol	SCH
hydrochlorothiazide 25mg & spironolactone 25mg tab	00180408	Aldactazide 25mg tab	PFI
hydrochlorothiazide 50mg & spironolactone 50mg tab	00594377	Aldactazide 50mg tab	PFI
ipratropium Bromide 0.6% nasal spray (42mcg/dose)	02163713	Atrovent 42mcg/dose nasal	BOE
levodopa 100mg & carbidopa 25mg CR tab	02028786	Sinemet CR 100/25mg tab	BRI
lisinopril 20mg & hydrochlorothiazide 25mg tab	02045729	Zestoretic 20/25mg tab	AZE
medroxyprogesterone acetate 150mg/mL inj	00585092	Depo-Provera 150mg/mL inj	PFI
midodrine 2.5mg tab	01934392	Amatine 2.5mg tab	SHI
midodrine 5mg tab	01934406	Amatine 5mg tab	
misoprostol 200mcg tab	02244023	Apo-Misoprostol 200mcg tab	APX
ofloxacin 0.3% oph sol	02143291	Ocuflox 0.3% oph sol	ALL
olanzapine ODT 10mg tab (exception status)	02243087	Zyprexa Zydys 10mg tab	LIL
ondansetron 4mg/5mL o/l	02229639	Zofran 4mg/5mL o/l	GSK
oxycodone 5mg tab (Oxy-IR)	02231934	Oxy-IR 5mg tab	PFR
oxycodone 10mg tab (Oxy-IR)	02240131	Oxy-IR 10mg tab	
trimebutine 200mg tab	00803499	Modulon 200mg tab	AXC

AUDITORS' CORNER

CONTINUED CARE PRESCRIPTIONS

Since May 2006, pharmacists have been able to extend existing prescriptions as continued care prescriptions (CCPs) provided specific conditions are met. In particular, pharmacists are not authorized to submit claims for CCPs to the NS Pharmacare Programs if the medication is a benzodiazepine or a drug monitored by the Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Program (NSPMP).

Any amount paid for a CCP billed to the Pharmacare Programs for one of these drugs will be recovered by the auditors, and specifics of the claim are sent to the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists.