

DECEMBER BULLETIN

CHANGE TO MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST LIST

The Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) on the following categories has been changed **effective December 1, 2004** to reflect changes in the acquisition cost of the lowest priced brands. Enclosed are replacement pages for your August 2004 MAC list which reflects these changes.

PAROXETINE 20mg Tab	<u>1.0318</u>
PAROXETINE 30mg Tab	<u>1.1179</u>
SALBUTAMOL 100mcg/dose Oral Inh	<u>0.0399</u>

A REMINDER

When Filling Prescriptions for Pharmacare Recipients

Pariet 10mg vs Pariet 20mg

Please be aware that only the 10mg strength of Pariet is insured under the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs for either the 10mg daily or 20mg daily doses. Two of the 10mg tablets are significantly less expensive than one 20mg tablet of Pariet.

Exception Status Drugs

When presented with a prescription for an exception status drug, please do not assume that coverage will be automatically approved. The request for coverage must satisfy criteria before these drugs can be insured. Loaning medications or filling the prescription of exception status drugs in advance of confirmed approval places you and the patient at risk for unwanted expense.

CORRECTION

The following products were removed from the Diabetic Supplies Benefit List in error. These products will continue to be insured with a Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) applied.

<u>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
Sof-Tact Test Strips (50)	97799830	BOM
Sof-Tact Test Strips (100)	97799838	BOM

NEW PRODUCTS

Novopharm Ltd. has relaunched the following products and the benefit status will be reinstated under the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs **effective December 1, 2004**. However, these brands are not interchangeable with other existing brands in these categories.

<u>DIN</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>MFR</u>	<u>BENEFIT STATUS</u>
00272434	Novo-Dipam 2mg Tab	NOP	SFC
00272442	Novo-Dipam 5mg Tab	NOP	SFC
00272450	Novo-Dipam 10mg Tab	NOP	SFC
00021504	Novo-Pramine 10mg Tab	NOP	SFC
00021512	Novo-Pramine 25mg Tab	NOP	SFC
00021520	Novo-Pramine 50mg Tab	NOP	SFC
00037400	Novo-Triptyn 10mg Tab	NOP	SFC
00037419	Novo-Triptyn 25mg Tab	NOP	SFC
00037427	Novo-Triptyn 50mg Tab	NOP	SFC

NEW NURSE PRACTITIONER

The following nurse practitioners have been added to this group of prescribers.

Ruth Bittorf	(License #724628)
David Landry	(License #726953)
Robert Nevin	(License #722104)

Please retain for your reference. See Appendix X of the Nova Scotia Formulary for a list of Pharmacare benefits which can be insured if prescribed by nurse practitioners.

INCLUDED WITH THIS BULLETIN:

- ▶ **Interchangeable Products List**, effective Dec. 1, 2004
- ▶ **Replacement Pages for August 2004 MAC List**
- ▶ **Pharmacare Programs 2005 Payment Schedule**



From the Staff of the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs

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INTERCHANGEABLE PRODUCTS ADDED TO NOVA SCOTIA FORMULARY

Effective December 1, 2004

EXISTING CATEGORIES:

Note: For those products with benefit status under the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs, the existing MAC will apply.

	<u>DIN</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>MFR</u>	<u>Benefit Status</u>
ATENOLOL 50mg Tab	02255545	Co Atenolol	COB	SF
ATENOLOL 100mg Tab	02255553	Co Atenolol	COB	SF
FLUVOXAMINE 50mg Tab	02255529	Co Fluvoxamine	COB	SFC
FLUVOXAMINE 100mg Tab	02255537	Co Fluvoxamine	COB	SFC
MELOXICAM 7.5mg Tab	02255987	Gen-Meloxicam	GPM	SF
	02258315	Novo-Meloxicam	NOP	SF
MELOXICAM 15mg Tab	02255995	Gen-Meloxicam	GPM	SF
	02258323	Novo-Meloxicam	NOP	SF
MIRTAZAPINE 30mg Tab	02256118	Gen-Mirtazapine	GPM	SFC
	02259354	Novo-Mirtazapine	NOP	SFC

NEW CATEGORIES:

Note: Until a MAC price is established, AAC will be paid for those products with benefit status under the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs. These categories will appear in the next publication of the MAC List.

	<u>DIN</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>MFR</u>	<u>Benefit Status</u>
AMILORIDE 5mg Tab	02249510	Apo-Amiloride	APX	SF
	00487805	Midamor	MSD	SF
LEFLUNOMIDE 10mg Tab	02256495	Apo-Leflunomide	APX	E
	02247188	Arava	SAN	E
LEFLUNOMIDE 20mg Tab	02256509	Apo-Leflunomide	APX	E
	02241889	Arava	SAN	E
RANITIDINE 25mg/mL Inj	02256711	Ranitidine	SIL	SFC
	02212366	Zantac	GSK	SFC
RANITIDINE 15mg/mL O/L	02242940	Novo-Ranidine	NOP	SFC
	02212374	Zantac	GSK	SFC