

**Notice from the Executive Officer**

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Over the last few weeks the ministry has received numerous enquiries concerning the selling and invoice prices of products dispensed for ODB-eligible recipients. I am writing to you to further clarify the ministry's position.

Under the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act* (ODBA), all manufacturers must sell their listed drug products at the drug benefit price listed in the Formulary, for ODB-eligible recipients.

Concerning the actual invoice, the ODB drug benefit price must appear on the invoice, where the drug product is intended for ODB-eligible recipients.

On December 20, 2006, I published Update 14 to Edition 39 of the Formulary. The prices included in this Update took effect on January 2, 2007. All manufacturers are required to sell their listed drug products at the drug benefit price listed in the Formulary, for ODB-eligible recipients. And as stated above, the ODB drug benefit price must appear on the invoice, where the drug product is intended for ODB-eligible recipients. If any manufacturer does not comply with the published price for ODB-recipients - and therefore is violating the ODBA - I will take immediate and appropriate action as authorized under the ODBA.

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