

EXEMPTED MEDICATIONS LIST

Drug Products Exempted from the Conditions on the Payment of Dispensing Fees

Effective Date: August 01, 2008

The drug products and classes of drug products listed hereunder have been exempted by the Executive Officer (EO) from the condition for payment of a dispensing fee under s.18(8)(a) of Ontario Regulation 201/96 made under the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act*.

The exemption list includes medications used in medical circumstances where:

- a) The clinical course and/or treatment course is typically of short duration; or
- b) Patient safety may be a concern and/or there is a risk of abuse or diversion.

1. Narcotic or controlled drug products as set out in the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (including methadone)
2. Anti-infective agents (antibiotics and antivirals including ophthalmic and otic drops for a short course of therapy)
3. Anticoagulants during periods of dosage adjustment
4. Inhalers (oral and nasal) and other inhalation devices for PRN usage (excludes regularly scheduled administration)
5. Inhalation solutions for PRN usage (excludes regularly scheduled administration)
6. Nitroglycerin for sublingual usage
7. Ophthalmic preparations for PRN or short-term usage (excludes regularly scheduled administration)
8. Otic preparations for PRN or short-term usage (excludes regularly scheduled administration)
9. Psychotherapeutic medications (including antipsychotics, antidepressants, tranquilizers, CNS stimulants, sedatives and hypnotics)
10. Suppositories for PRN usage (excludes regularly scheduled administration)
11. Topical dermatological agents for PRN usage (excludes regularly scheduled administration and/or where the monthly utilization can be determined)
12. Palliative Care Drugs available through the Facilitated Access mechanism
13. Any listed drug product where the Limited Use criteria for reimbursement requires reduced quantity dispensing
14. Extemporaneous preparations where the stability does not exceed 15 days
15. Injectable preparations including those prepared as an extemporaneous mixture
16. Any listed drug product where the stability after dispensing does not exceed 15 days

Additional Exempted Medications Effective November 01, 2008

17. Antiparkinsonian agents: levodopa & carbidopa combinations, levodopa & benserazide combinations, bromocriptine, pramipexole dihydrochloride monohydrate, ropinirole and amantadine HCl
18. Anticholinergic agents: benztropine mesylate, trihexyphenidyl HCl, ethopropazine HCl, and procyclidine HCl.
19. Cholinesterase Inhibitors
20. Anticonvulsants, as classified in the Formulary
21. Corticosteroids during periods of dosage tapering
22. Lithium

All claims are subject to inspection and audit. Recoveries will be processed where overpayments are identified.

The EO reserves the right to make changes to this list at her sole discretion and will post changes on this website, as well as provide notice through the BBS system, prior to the effective date of the change. Pharmacists are reminded to check the BBS notifications at least once weekly and to monitor this website on a regular basis.