

NOTICE FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

August 5, 2008

Claims for ZANTAC® under the Ontario Drug Benefit Program

Further to my notice dated July 30, 2008 on this matter, I would like to remind pharmacies that, pursuant to section 29(1) of O. Reg. 201/96 made under the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act* (the "Regulation"), pharmacies are required to maintain documentation to support the acquisition cost of a drug that is claimed, a copy of the supplier's invoice, and a detailed calculation of the cost of purchasing the drug product as required under s.14 of the Regulation.

Please be advised that the ministry will be monitoring claims to ensure that drug costs submitted for reimbursement are accurate. If pharmacies purchase Zantac at lower prices and charge at the higher price, they may be subject to recoveries if audited. Any claims that have been improperly submitted are subject to audit and recovery.

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