

EXEMPTED MEDICATIONS LIST No. 1

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

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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*, if the prescribed requirements are met.

The exemption list includes medications used in medical circumstances where 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. Psychotherapeutic medications (including antipsychotics, antidepressants, tranquilizers, CNS stimulants, sedatives and hypnotics)
3. Palliative Care Drugs available through the Facilitated Access mechanism

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 his 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.