

## Notice from the Executive Officer: Reimbursement and Claims Submission using the Health Network System relating to Drugs for Medical Assistance in Dying

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### Overview

This notice is to provide information to pharmacies regarding reimbursement and claim submissions for drugs used for medical assistance in dying (MAID) using the Health Network System.

Ontario is committed to providing quality, compassionate care through the varying stages of the end of life. This includes publicly funding drugs used for MAID.

Amendments to the *Criminal Code* passed on June 17, 2016. This legislation establishes eligibility requirements for MAID and requires certain safeguards to be followed.

In addition, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO), the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO), and the Ontario College of Pharmacists (OCP) have each established MAID policies for their members.

Pharmacists and other dispensers must be familiar with the policies provided by their respective professional colleges. The colleges' policies can be found on their respective websites:

- Ontario College of Pharmacists: [www.ocpinfo.com](http://www.ocpinfo.com)
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario: [www.cpso.on.ca](http://www.cpso.on.ca)
- College of Nurses of Ontario: [www.cno.org](http://www.cno.org)

You can also access the ministry's website for more information: [www.ontario.ca/page/medical-assistance-dying-and-end-life-decisions](http://www.ontario.ca/page/medical-assistance-dying-and-end-life-decisions) or email at [endoflifedecisions@ontario.ca](mailto:endoflifedecisions@ontario.ca).

### Pharmacy Compliance

This notice and the accompanying Frequently Asked Questions constitute a ministry policy that pharmacy operators must comply with when submitting claims through the HNS for dispensing

drugs used in MAID. Compliance with the ministry policy is required under section 3.2 of the HNS Subscription Agreement for Pharmacy Operators.

### **MAID Drug Protocols**

Pharmacists should work with prescribers and patients to determine the appropriate MAID drug regimen for individual cases.

Prescribers should refer to their regulatory college for guidance regarding the drug protocols for the provision of MAID.

- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario: [www.cpsso.on.ca](http://www.cpsso.on.ca)
- College of Nurses of Ontario: [www.cno.org](http://www.cno.org)
- College of Pharmacists: [www.ocpinfo.com](http://www.ocpinfo.com)

### **Patient Eligibility**

Federal legislation on MAID came into force on June 17, 2016. The legislation establishes eligibility requirements and requires that certain safeguards be met in the provision of MAID.

Providers are encouraged to contact their respective regulatory college for more information and guidance.

### **Procedures for Dispensing and Billing**

- Pharmacists must ensure that the eligible person's correct date of birth, health card number and name (as it appears on the Health Card) are entered accurately as part of the HNS claims submission, as applicable. Failure to do so especially for non-ODB individuals may impact the ability to submit future claims for these individuals.
- Pharmacies will purchase drug(s) and the required supplies to assemble the MAID kits in accordance with the table below.

### **Pharmacy Documentation Requirements for MAID drugs**

Standard documentation requirements for prescriptions apply. Pharmacists shall keep records consistent with their obligations under the *Pharmacy Act, 1991*, the *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act*, the *Narcotics Safety and Awareness Act, 2010*, and any instructions provided by the Ontario College of Pharmacists or the ministry.

For billing purposes, pharmacy documentation must be maintained in a readily available format for the purpose of the ministry audit for a minimum of 2 years.

### **Pharmacy billing procedure for MAID drugs**

Drugs for MAID provided to patients (based on the regimen prescribed) will be reimbursed by the ministry. The PINs are used for both ODB-eligible recipients as well as non-ODB patients for the purposes of billing the value of the drugs.

**Table 1: PINs to support reimbursement of MAID kits**

| PIN      | Description   | Contents in MAID Kit*  | Total Amount Reimbursed |
|----------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 93877101 | MAID intravenous (IV) Kit with Supplies               | Midazolam 1mg/mL<br>Lidocaine 2% (without epinephrine)<br>Magnesium Sulfate 500mg/mL<br>Propofol 10mg/mL<br>Cisatracurium Besylate 2mg/mL<br>Rocuronium Bromide 10mg/mL<br>Sodium Chloride (NaCl 0.9%)<br>Syringes and tubes                           | \$325.00                |
| 93877102 | MAID IV Kit (backup) with Supplies                    | Same as above  | \$325.00                |
| 93877103 | MAID IV Kit with Phenobarbital and Supplies           | Midazolam 1mg/mL<br>Lidocaine 2% (without epinephrine)<br>Magnesium Sulfate 500mg/mL<br>Propofol 10mg/mL<br>Phenobarbital 120mg/mL<br>Cisatracurium Besylate 2mg/mL<br>Rocuronium Bromide 10mg/mL<br>Sodium Chloride (NaCl 0.9%)<br>Syringes and tubes | \$999.00                |
| 93877104 | MAID IV Kit (backup) with Phenobarbital and Supplies  | Same as above  | \$999.00                |
| 93877105 | MAID Self-Administration Kit (Hydromorphone/Morphine) | Metoclopramide 10 mg<br>Ondansetron 8 mg<br>Propranolol 40 mg<br>Morphine Sulfate (liquid)<br>Morphine Sulfate 30 mg<br>Hydromorphone 1 mg/mL liquid   | \$110.00                |

| PIN      | Description                                  | Contents in MAID Kit*  | Total Amount Reimbursed |
|----------|--|--|-------------------------|
|          |  | Hydromorphone 8 mg   |                         |
| 93877106 | MAID Self-Administration Kit (Phenobarbital) | Metoclopramide 10 mg<br>Ondansetron 8 mg<br>Phenobarbital 20 g<br>Chloral Hydrate 20 g<br>Morphine Sulfate 3 g<br>Haloperidol 5mg/mL | \$250.00                |

\* Dispensers need to ensure that they select the appropriate quantities, package sizes, and brand of the product from the applicable guidelines and protocols.

Claims must be submitted using the ministry-assigned PIN associated with the appropriate MAID kit dispensed. Do not use the Drug Identification Numbers (DINs) of the products in each MAID kit.

Note that for MAID kits, a primary kit and a back-up kit are to be dispensed at the same time for a patient. For MAID intravenous (IV) Kits, the back-up kit will have the same drugs as the primary kit. For example, primary is PIN 93877101 and the backup is PIN 93877102. For MAID Self-Administered kit, one of the MAID IV (backup) kits may be used (i.e., PIN 93877102, PIN 93877104). Unused drugs are to be returned to the pharmacy for appropriate disposal.

The PINs listed in the table are to be used by all Ontarians, regardless of eligibility for the Ontario Drug Benefit Program.

### For ODB-eligible recipients

The claim submission follows the normal process for submitting claims on the HNS with the following additional information:

- Intervention code 'PS': (Professional Care Services)
- Product Identification Number (PIN): see table above for list of PINs
- Valid Pharmacist ID
- Professional Fee: The actual acquisition cost of the MAID kit

### For Non-ODB eligible recipients

When submitting a claim for a person who does not have ODB coverage, pharmacists must submit the following information:

- Patient Gender: 'F' = female; 'M' = male

- Patient Date of Birth: Valid YYYYMMDD
  - Patient's Ontario Health Card number
  - Intervention codes:
    - PS: Professional Care Services
    - ML: Established eligibility coverage (i.e., 1 day of the Plan 'S' coverage)
- Note for MAID IV kits ((i.e., PIN 93877103 and PIN 93877104) by manual (paper) claims:
- PS: Professional Care Services
  - ML: Established eligibility coverage (i.e., 1 day of the Plan 'S' coverage)
  - MO: Valid Claim – value \$500 to \$999.99
- Carrier ID: 'S'
  - Product Identification Number (PIN): see table above for list of PINs
  - Valid Pharmacist ID
  - Professional Fee: The actual acquisition cost of the MAID kit

### **Restrictions**

Only the drugs provided in the MAID kits will be reimbursed.