

Drugs requiring application for BC PharmaCare Special Authority



Drugs listed here may be eligible for reimbursement through the BC PharmaCare Special Authority program.

PLAN MEMBERS ARE required to apply for provincial coverage before submitting expenses to Pacific Blue Cross. This helps control cost and ensures the long-term sustainability of your Pacific Blue Cross drug plan.*

The following drugs require an application for BC PharmaCare Special Authority before they will be considered for coverage. For more details regarding the requirements of your plan, please sign in to your Member Profile at pac.bluecross.ca/Member.

Once you are signed in, you can use the Drug Lookup tool to determine the eligibility of the drug and to verify if BC PharmaCare special authority approval is required or if coverage may be considered regardless of BC PharmaCare's decision.

If approved through BC PharmaCare Special Authority, most pharmacies in BC are able to transmit the approval electronically with your claim. However, if your pharmacy does not have this capability or if you have received a BC PharmaCare denial, a copy of BC PharmaCare's decision must be submitted to Pacific Blue Cross in order for eligibility to be considered under your plan.

* If approved, the cost will be applied toward your BC PharmaCare deductible. Once the BC PharmaCare deductible has been satisfied, BC PharmaCare will pay a portion or all of the cost of the prescription. Expenses not covered by BC PharmaCare may be covered under your PBC extended health care plan. Integration between BC PharmaCare and PBC coverage helps lower costs and ensures sustainability of drug coverage.

BRAND NAME	CHEMICAL NAME	USES	ELIGIBLE STRENGTHS/DOSAGES
Abilify Maintena	Aripiprazole	Psychiatric Disorders	300 mg, 400 mg vials
Actemra	Tocilizumab	Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis	80 mg, 200 mg, 400 mg vials, 162 mcg syringe
Actemra	Tocilizumab	Giant Cell Arteritis	162mg syringe
Adcirca**	Tadalafil	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	20 mg tablets
Aptiom	Eslicarbazepine	Seizure Disorder	200 mg, 400 mg, 600 mg, 800 mg tablets
Arava	Leflunomide	Rheumatoid Arthritis	10 mg, 20 mg tablets
Aubagio	Teriflunomide	Multiple Sclerosis	14 mg tablet
Avonex	Interferon beta-1a	Multiple Sclerosis	30 mcg/0.5 mL syringe
Banzel	Rufinamide	Lennox-Gastaut syndrome	100 mg, 200 mg, 400 mg tablets
Baraclude**	Entecavir	Chronic Hepatitis B	0.5 mg tablet
Betaseron	Interferon beta-1b	Multiple Sclerosis	0.3 mg vial
Brenzys	Etanercept	Ankylosing Spondylitis, Rheumatoid Arthritis	50 mg syringe or pen
Caripul	Epoprostenol	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	0.5 mg, 1.5 mg vials
Cayston	Aztreonam	Cystic Fibrosis	75 mg vial
Cimzia	Certolizumab	Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis	400 mg syringe or pen
Comtan	Entacapone	Parkinson's disease	200 mg tablets
Cosentyx	Secukinumab	Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriasis, Psoriatic Arthritis	150 mg syringe
Dificid	Fidaxomicin	Clostridium Difficile	200 mg tablet
Duodopa	Carbidopa/Levodopa	Idiopathic Parkinson's Disease	Intestinal gel
Duragesic**	Fentanyl	Chronic Pain	100 mcg/hr transdermal patch
Enbrel	Etanercept	Psoriasis	50 mg syringe; 25 mg vial
Entyvio	Vedolizumab	Crohn's disease, Ulcerative Colitis	300 mg vial
Epclusa	Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir	Chronic Hepatitis C	400 mg/100 mg tablets
Erelzi	Etanercept	Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis	50 mg syringe or pen; 25 mg syringe
Esbriet	Pirfenidone	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	267 mg capsule; 267 mg, 801 mg tablets
Exjade**	Deferasirox	Iron overload	125 mg, 250 mg, 500 mg tablets
Extavia	Interferon beta-1b	Multiple Sclerosis	0.3 mg vial

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Fasenra	Benralizumab	Severe Eosinophilic Asthma	30 mg/mL pre-filled syringe
Ferriprox	Deferiprone	Iron overload	1000 mg tablets, 100 mg/mL oral solution
Firazyr	Icatibant	Hereditary Angioedema (HAE)	30 mg syringe
Flofan	Epoprostenol	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	0.5 mg, 1.5 mg vials
Fragmin	Dalteparin	Prevent clots	7,500 IU, 10,000 IU, 12, 500 IU, 15,000 IU, 18,000 IU and 25,000 IU syringes and vials
Fycompa	Perampanel	Seizure Disorder	2 mg, 4 mg, 6 mg, 8 mg, 10 mg, 12 mg tablets
Genotropin	Somatropin	Growth Hormone Deficiency	All products
Gilenya**	Fingolimod	Multiple Sclerosis	0.5 mg capsule
Glatect	Glatiramer Acetate	Multiple Sclerosis	20 mg/mL pre-filled syringe
Grastofil	Filgrastim	Neutropenia	300 mcg, 480 mcg syringes
Harvoni	Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir	Chronic Hepatitis C	90 mg/400 mg tablet
Humatrope	Somatropin	Growth Hormone Deficiency	All products
Humira	Adalimumab	Ankylosing Spondylitis, Hidradentis Suppurativa, Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, Psoriasis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis	40 mg vial
Hydromorph Contin	Hydromorphone Controlled Release	Chronic pain	30 mg capsule
Ibavyr	Ribavirin	Chronic Hepatitis C	200 mg, 400 mg tablets
Imitrex	Sumatriptan	Migraines	6 mg/0.5 mL vial
Inflectra	Infliximab	Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriasis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis	100 mg vial
Intron A	Interferon alfa-2b	Chronic Hepatitis B	All products
Invega Sustenna	Paliperidone	Psychiatric Disorders	50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg pre-filled syringes
Invega Trinza	Paliperidone	Psychiatric Disorders	175 mg, 263 mg, 350 mg, 525 mg pre-filled syringes
Jadenu	Deferasirox	Iron overload	90 mg, 180 mg, 360 mg tablets

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Keppra	Levetiracetam	Seizure Disorder	500 mg, 750 mg tablets
Kevzara	Sarilumab	Rheumatoid Arthritis	150 mg and 200 mg syringe or pen
Lemtrada	Alemtuzumab	Multiple Sclerosis	12 mg/1.2 mL vial
Lioresal Intrathecal**	Baclofen Intrathecal	Spasticity due to Multiple Sclerosis	0.05 mg/mL, 0.5 mg/mL, 2 mg/mL ampules
Lupron Depot	Leuprolide	Endometriosis	All products
Maviret	Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir	Chronic Hepatitis C	100 mg/40 mg tablet
Mirapex	Pramipexole	Parkinson's disease	0.25 mg, 1 mg, 1.5 mg tablets
Movapo	Apomorphine	Parkinson's disease	30 mg/ 3 mL pen
Neoral**	Cyclosporine	Immunosuppressant	10 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg capsules; 100 mg/mL oral solution
Norditropin NordiFlex	Somatropin	Growth Hormone Deficiency	5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg pre-filled syringes
Nucala	Mepolizumab	Severe Eosinophilic Asthma	100 mg syringe or pen
Nutropin AQ	Somatropin	Growth Hormone Deficiency	5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg cartridges
Ocaliva	Obeticholic acid	Primary Biliary Cholangitis	5 mg, 10 mg tablets
Ocrevus	Ocrelizumab	Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis	300 mg vial
Ofev	Nintedanib	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	100 mg, 150 mg capsules
Omnitrope	Somatropin	Growth Hormone Deficiency	5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg cartridges
Orencia	Abatacept	Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis	125 mg syringe; 250 mg vial
Ozempic	Semaglutide	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	1.35 mg/mL pen
Pheburane	Sodium phenylbutyrate	Urea cycle disorder	483 mg /gram oral granules
Radicava	Edaravone	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	30 mg/100 mL solution
Ravicti	Glycerol phenylbutyrate	Urea cycle disorder	1.1 g/mL oral liquid
Rebif	Interferon beta-1a	Multiple Sclerosis	All products
Remodulin	Treprostinil	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	All products
Renflexis	Infliximab	Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriasis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis	100 mg vial
Risperdal Consta	Risperidone	Psychiatric Disorders	25 mg, 37.5 mg, 50 mg kits
Riximyo	Rituximab	Rheumatoid Arthritis, GPA, MPA, Multiple Sclerosis	10 mg/mL solution

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Ruxience	Rituximab	Rheumatoid Arthritis, GPA, MPA, Multiple Sclerosis	10 mg/mL solution
Saizen	Somatropin	Growth Hormone Deficiency	All products
Simponi	Golimumab	Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis	50 mg syringe or pen
Skyrizi	Risankizumab	Psoriasis	75 mg syringe
Sovaldi	Sofosbuvir	Chronic Hepatitis C	400 mg tablet
Stalevo	Carbidopa/ Entacapone/Levodopa	Parkinson's disease	All products
Stelara	Ustekinumab	Psoriasis	45 mg/0.5 mL vial; 90 mg/1 mL syringe
Taltz	Ixekizumab	Psoriasis, Psoriatic Arthritis	80 mg/mL syringe or pen
Tecfidera	Dimethyl fumarate	Multiple Sclerosis	120 mg, 240 mg capsules
Teva-chloroquine	Chloroquine phosphate	Extraintestinal Amebiasis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus	250 mg tablet
Tobi Nebules**	Tobramycin	Cystic Fibrosis	300 mg/5 mL nebule
Tobi Podhaler	Tobramycin	Cystic Fibrosis	28 mg capsule
Toctino	Alitretinoin	Eczema	10 mg, 30 mg capsules
Tracleer**	Bosentan	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	62.5 mg, 125 mg tablets
Truxima	Rituximab	Rheumatoid Arthritis, GPA, MPA, Multiple Sclerosis	10 mg/mL solution
Tysabri	Natalizumab	Multiple Sclerosis	300 mg/15 mL vial
Uptravi	Selexipag	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	All products
Vancocin	Vancomycin	Clostridium Difficile	250 mg capsule
Vfend**	Voriconazole	Fungal infection	50 mg, 200 mg tablets and 200 mg vial
Vimpat**	Lacosamide	Seizure Disorder	50 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg tablets
Viread**	Tenofovir	Chronic Hepatitis B	300 mg tablet
Volibris**	Ambrisentan	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	5 mg, 10 mg tablets
Vosevi	Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/ Voxilaprevir	Chronic Hepatitis C	400 mg/100 mg/100 mg tablet
Xeljanz	Tofacitinib	Rheumatoid Arthritis	5 mg, 11 mg tablet/extended release tablet
Xeljanz	Tofacitinib	Ulcerative Colitis	5 mg, 10 mg tablet

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Zaxine	Rifaximin	Hepatic Encephalopathy	550 mg
Zepatier	Elbasvir/Grazoprevir	Chronic Hepatitis C	50 mg/100 mg tablets
Zofran	Ondansetron	Nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy	2 mg/mL vial
Zoladex	Goserelin Acetate	Endometriosis	3.6 mg, 10.8 mg syringes
Zyvoxam	Linezolid	Hospital acquired infections	600 mg tablet

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