

What you need to know about PharmaCare Tie-in



What is the BC PharmaCare formulary?

The BC PharmaCare formulary is a list of drugs covered under BC's Fair PharmaCare program. Before BC PharmaCare can consider covering a drug, it must receive and review a request for coverage from the manufacturer. The drug is then submitted to the Drug Benefit Council (DBC) for an evidence-based recommendation on whether to include the drug on the BC PharmaCare formulary.

What drugs are part of the BC PharmaCare formulary?

Find out if your drug is on the BC PharmaCare formulary by:

- Logging into your CARESnet account and using the drug lookup tool
- Contacting Pacific Blue Cross at 1 877 PAC-BLUE
- Calling BC PharmaCare customer service at 604 683-7151 or toll-free at 1 800 663-7100
- Asking your physician or pharmacist
- Visiting www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/benefitslookup/faces/Search.jsp

How does it affect my plan?

With the BC PharmaCare tie-in, reimbursement of prescription drugs by your extended health plan applies only to drugs covered by BC's Fair PharmaCare program. Most BC PharmaCare benefit drugs will automatically be covered by your extended health plan. Some drugs are not covered on the BC PharmaCare formulary and therefore are not covered on your plan.

Some drugs are considered Limited Coverage or Special Authority. Limited Coverage drugs are only eligible under your extended health plan with a BC PharmaCare approval. Your physician must first apply directly to BC PharmaCare for authorization. BC PharmaCare will need to approve the Special Authority request before you fill your prescription, in order for it to be eligible under your extended health plan.

How much coverage will I receive?

Drugs on the formulary may be fully or partially reimbursed in accordance with BC PharmaCare price limits. This includes maximums for drug costs and dispensing fees. Reimbursement will also be subject to your extended health plan limitations such as reimbursement rates, maximums and deductibles.