

Executive Officer Notice of interim change to Extemporaneous Preparations Policy for Anti-infectives for Post-Hospital Use:

April 16, 2021

Due to the unprecedented challenges faced by hospitals during this third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to subsection 17(2) of the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act*, the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program's Extemporaneous Preparations Policy (EPP) has been changed temporarily to facilitate publicly funded access to select injectable anti-infectives for ODB Program recipients who are discharged from a hospital and are continuing injectable anti-infective therapy at home.

Prior to this interim change, the EPP stipulated that an extemporaneous preparation for injectable administration that contains an anti-infective injectable drug product with a Notice of Compliance issued after September 3, 2003 is only eligible for ODB Program coverage if the anti-infective injectable drug product is an ODB benefit listed on the Formulary or approved for a specific recipient under the Exceptional Access Program (EAP).

The interim change to the EPP will grant an exemption from the requirement for EAP authorization for select anti-infective drug products (see list below) when the drug is being administered to an ODB Program recipient for use at home for a duration of up to 12 weeks following the recipient's discharge from a hospital. Use beyond 12 weeks is excluded from this interim change.

- Acyclovir
- Amikacin
- Amphotericin (Fungizone and generics only)
- Ampicillin
- Azithromycin
- Cefazolin
- Caspofungin
- Cefotaxime
- Cefoxitin
- Ceftazidime
- Cefuroxime
- Ciprofloxacin
- Clindamycin
- Cloxacillin
- Ertapenem
- Erythromycin
- Fluconazole
- Gentamicin
- Imipenem/Cilastatin
- Levofloxacin
- Meropenem
- Metronidazole
- Moxifloxacin
- Penicillin G
- Piperacillin/Tazobactam
- Vancomycin

This interim change to the EPP is effective as of the date of this notice and shall continue until further notice.

The EPP can be found in section 6.1 of the Ontario Drug Benefit Reference Manual at the following URL:

https://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/resources/odp_reference_manual.pdf

A searchable list that includes drugs that are authorized through the Exceptional Access Program can be found at the following URL:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/check-medication-coverage/>

For additional questions, you may contact one of the following:

For pharmacies:

Please call ODB Pharmacy Help Desk at: 1-800-668-6641

For all other Health Care Providers and the Public:

Please call ServiceOntario, Infoline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY 1-800-387-5559. In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282

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