



Pharmacy Update

Yukon National Pharmacare

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Recently the Government of Canada and the Yukon Territory announced their bilateral pharmacare agreement **effective April 15, 2026**. This program will become the universal, single payer for certain prescription contraceptives and diabetes medications for eligible Yukon residents (please see Health Canada website for details).

GreenShield is aligning with **Yukon National Pharmacare** and their bilateral agreement, while allowing a **90-day** grace period for claimants who need to apply for exception drug status.

When a claim for a DIN requiring exception drug status is adjudicated, GSC will deny the claim and pharmacy will receive a CPhA message "86= confirm provincial drug coverage for DIN". A request for funding must be submitted for the exception drug status. Should a plan member meet the criteria of coverage and funding is approved, then the claims must be submitted to the Yukon national pharmacare. However, if the plan member does not meet the criteria for exception drug status, there are intervention codes that can be used depending on the scenario. Please refer to the instructions below.

- 1) If the DIN in question is a full benefit of the **Territory** → Yukon national pharmacare will pay
- 2) If the DIN in question requires **exception drug status** with the territory, there will be different **override codes** that can be applied to the claim depending on the scenario:

Scenario	Here's what you do
The plan member has applied to the exception drug status and funding has been approved	Submit the claim to Yukon national pharmacare
The plan member has applied to exception drug status and funding has been denied	Submit the claim to GSC using intervention code: <i>DW = applied to provincial plan and rejected.</i>
The plan member has not applied to exception drug status or is awaiting a decision.	<p>Advise the patient that they must have the prescriber submit a request for funding to exception drug status if a request has not already been made.</p> <p>Intervention code <i>DX = applied to provincial plan, decision pending,</i> can be utilized to allow the patient temporary access to treatment while the exception drug status request is being reviewed.</p> <p>Use of this intervention code provides a 90-day grace period for plan members. After this grace period, either the Territory will pay or if they do not meet criteria, the claim will be subject to plan design.</p>

The plan member is not eligible for exception drug status	Submit the claim to GSC using intervention code: <i>DY = not eligible for provincial plan coverage</i>
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Please note, if the Territory pays the LCA and the plan member is requesting a brand name drug, this will be subject to plan design with code DA