

Methadone Patients & Narcotics

Effective immediately, for patients receiving methadone replacement therapy, other narcotic-containing drug products will no longer be eligible for online reimbursement from pharmacies. If a claim is submitted for a narcotic other than methadone, a non-overrideable response message will be seen, reading "Duplication of Therapy." Claims for methadone prescriptions will *not* be affected.

If such claims are required, they must be submitted manually, accompanied with documentation from the methadone-prescribing physician concerning the use of methadone with other narcotic drugs and that he/she is aware of such use. Such claims will be assessed on an individual basis.

This will not apply to patients who are using methadone for pain control and require such prescriptions for breakthrough pain, *and* have documented this indication with Green Shield Canada.

This action has been taken in an effort to help maintain the integrity of methadone programs and to aid pharmacies in preventing abuse.

Methadone payment

In September 2001, Green Shield Canada introduced a payment schedule to allow extra compounding time online for compounded methadone carries up to a seven day maximum.

As a reminder to ensure proper payment, the cost field should represent only the cost (plus markup) of ingredients in the compound. Dispensing Fee should represent your usual and customary professional fee (paid to a maximum of \$10.49 at the time of printing). All other fees and amounts should be recognized in the compounding fee.

***Remicade* reminder**

To ensure proper payment for *Remicade* claims, please be reminded that the quantity should be billed **per 100 mg vial** rather than per millilitre. For example, 100 mg=1vial: submit as "1."

"Triple P" Compounds

A reminder that prescriptions for "Triple P" which use the product *Prostin VR* as an ingredient are not an eligible benefit of Green Shield Canada, as erectile dysfunction is not an indication of this product. Such claims must use alprostadil powder or *Caverject* to be a benefit.

If you have any other questions or require assistance with any matters concerning Green Shield Canada, please contact our Customer Service Centre at **1-888-711-1119**.

Where quality is more than a claim

Topical Extemporaneous Compounds Policy

Eligible Ingredients

Camphor
Benzoin Tincture
Hydrocortisone Powder
Liquor Carbonis Detergens (LCD)
Menthol
Salicylic Acid
Sulfur
Tar Distillate
Erythromycin Powder
Clindamycin Powder
Ketoconazole Powder
Metronidazole Powder

Eligible Bases

Aquaphor Ointment (02009609)
Dermabase (00067350)
Glaxal Base (00295604)
Anhydrous Lanolin (01923129)
Petrolatum Jelly (00094854 or 00635189)
Schering Base (00985554)
Eucerin Ointment (00900907)
Taro Base (00960063)

One or more of any of the eligible ingredients may be added to:

1. any of the listed eligible bases; or
2. any topical drug product which is already a benefit of the individual's drug offering.

Compounding of two or more creams/ointments that are already benefits of the plan are eligible with or without additional eligible ingredients.

Compounds must contain an active ingredient in a therapeutic concentration that is an eligible benefit of the individual's offering.

Compounds for cosmetic purposes such as baldness dry skin or facial wrinkles are not eligible benefits.

Any compound (oral, topical, injectable, etc.) that duplicates the formulation of a manufactured pharmaceutical product is not eligible.

Unproven compounds are not eligible benefits. For example, drugs intended for oral use that are compounded into a topical mixture would be considered unproven.

Claims for compounds intended to be used orally, rectally, vaginally, injected, ophthalmic or otic preparations must contain a DIN of an eligible product to be covered. Compounds in which a pure chemical is used are ineligible. Any compounded item that is considered "experimental" in nature is ineligible.

Please note that any extemporaneous compound claim submitted electronically, though paid initially, will be reversed should the audit determine it ineligible, based on Green Shield Canada's Compound Policy.