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## **TRIPTANS - MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE QUANTITY AND DOLLAR AMOUNTS**

Effective March 1, 2006, your Green Shield patients who receive prescriptions for Triptans (Imitrex™, Amerge™, Axert™, Maxalt™, Relpax™ and Zomig™) will only be allowed a maximum of 36 tablets in a three month period. Claims for quantities exceeding that amount in the three month period will be denied. Please be mindful of the days supply that is being transmitted - it should be a true reflection of your patient's triptan usage.

In addition to a maximum quantity restriction, a maximum dollar amount will also be placed on migraine treatment medications. A letter will be sent to those Green Shield plan members whose claims are approaching the dollar amount, requesting them to review their migraine treatment with their physician. Implementing these maximums helps to monitor the appropriate usage of your patient's migraine therapy.

## **DISPENSING FEE INCREASE**

Effective April 1, 2006, the Green Shield Maximum Allowable Dispensing Fee for prescription claims in the province of Ontario will be increased to \$10.99 from \$10.82. Green Shield Canada will reimburse the lesser of a pharmacy's usual and customary posted professional fee or Green Shield Maximum Allowable Dispensing Fee of \$10.99.

## **METHADONE COMPOUND CLAIMS**

To ensure that submitted claims for compounded methadone will be paid appropriately and/or not subjected to adjustments, we require the following information in the appropriate fields to be sent to Green Shield:

- compound code and time
- compound fee separate from drug cost as the system is not able to separate that cost.

Any discrepancies in drug cost transmitted will be subject to an audit.

## **SUBMITTING COMPOUND CLAIMS**

For correct processing of Extemporaneous Mixtures, please use the DIN of the eligible benefit. This will ensure that your claims will be processed accurately. You can find the Green Shield DINs/PINs for the corresponding eligible bases on the reverse side of this UPDATE along with our Compound Policy.

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## Green Shield Canada 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.
2. Any topical drug product which is already a benefit of the individual's drug offering.

Compounding of 2 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 subscriber'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.

Compounded prescriptions for "Triple P" therapy which use *Prostin VR* as an ingredient are not eligible benefits of Green Shield Canada as erectile dysfunction is not an approved indication of this product. Such claims must use alprostadil powder or *Caverject* to be considered for coverage as a benefit.

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