



### **Special Authorization Drugs**

The most current list of special authorization drugs and criteria can be found on our website at [www.greenshield.ca](http://www.greenshield.ca)

### **Intervention/Override Codes**

Green Shield Canada provides you with intervention codes to help you process prescriptions with ease. These codes along with override codes can be found on our website under the Pharmacy Providers tab.

### **Compounded products**

Green Shield Canada receives phone calls from pharmacies inquiring about the eligibility of compounds. There are two different scenarios that the questions pertain to and both are addressed in our compound policy. For further clarification, we have provided examples below:

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

An example of this would be using 1% hydrocortisone powder in Glaxal base (or another eligible base) to duplicate a product which is commercially available but on back order. However, in the event of a back order, this policy still applies. As is usual practice, when a back order situation exists, the pharmacist should contact the prescribing physician to change to a comparable product instead of preparing a duplicate compound.

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

An example for this is compounded hormone treatments, estrogen, progesterone and testosterone, as single agents or combinations. The source of the hormone may be tablet, powder or injectable.

For further questions about our compound policy, please refer to the Green Shield Canada Pharmacy Claims Manual which can be accessed on our website at [www.greenshield.ca](http://www.greenshield.ca).

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To improve distribution efficiencies, Green Shield Canada would like to send our "Update" newsletters to you via e-mail. You can visit our website at [www.greenshield.ca](http://www.greenshield.ca) to send us an e-mail. Please go to the "Contact Us" section, click on "Send an e-mail to Green Shield Canada" and type in "E-mail address for Update newsletter" in the subject line, and include your Green Shield Provider number. Alternatively, you can fill in your contact information in the spaces provided below, and fax back to us at your convenience (519.739.0046).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHARMACY: \_\_\_\_\_ Pharmacy GS# \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Compound codes:**

Below is a table of CPhA standard codes for compounded products. Please use the appropriate code for the corresponding mixture when submitting your prescription.

Code	Type of Compound
0	compounded topical cream
1	compounded topical ointment
2	compounded external lotion
3	compounded internal use liquid
4	compounded external powder
5	compounded internal powder
6	compounded injection or infusion
7	compounded eye/ear drop
8	compounded suppository
9	compounded other

### **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.***