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New website for Green Shield Canada

Did you know that Green Shield Canada recently launched a new website? While the former site provided excellent service, Green Shield believes that the redesigned site, with its new features, will add even more value to the visitor’s experience. The website contains pertinent information to your practice including the Green Shield Pharmacy Claims Manual, a list of special authorization drugs and future changes in benefits on the Big 3 contracts (General Motors of Canada, Ford Motor Company of Canada and DaimlerChrysler Canada Inc.). Please visit the site at www.greenshield.ca and keep checking in for current information and changes that may affect your customers.

Pegasys RBV

Green Shield Canada has created **NEW PIN numbers** for the different kits of Pegasys RBV™. The new PIN numbers are provided in the table below. Please use the new PIN for the corresponding product when submitting a claim.

Pegasys RBV™ Product description	DIN	PIN for billing
Pegasys solution for injection 180mcg/0.5 ml 28x 200mg Copegus tablets	02253429	02253429
Pegasys solution for injection 180mcg/0.5 ml 35x 200mg Copegus tablets	02253429	965235
Pegasys solution for injection 180mcg/0.5 ml 42x 200mg Copegus tablets	02253429	965227
Pegasys solution for injection 180mcg/1.0 ml 28x 200mg Copegus tablets	02253410	02253410
Pegasys solution for injection 180mcg/1.0 ml 35x 200mg Copegus tablets	02253410	965219
Pegasys solution for injection 180mcg/1.0 ml 42x 200mg Copegus tablets	02253410	965200

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To improve distribution efficiencies, Green Shield Canada would like to send our “Update” newsletters to you via e-mail. If you are interested, please 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: _____

Online billing of lancets

We remind you that when submitting claims online for lancets, the claims are processed on a lump sum basis as **one total** including the cost of lancets and a dispensing fee. Any payment will reflect this total. A breakdown of the cost and fee will not be given. As the fee is part of the reimbursement, a separate fee can not be charged to the subscriber. The subscriber is only responsible for their co-pay as stipulated by our provider agreement.

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.