

Effective December 1, 2016, BC PharmaCare is expanding its Reference Drug Program (RDP) which will result in reduced provincial coverage for certain drugs.

If you are taking one of the drugs in the table below, you may also have reduced coverage if your drug plan follows provincial pricing.

Therapeutic Category	Drugs that will become <b>partial</b> benefits on Dec. 1, 2016
Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACEIs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ captopril</li> <li>▪ cilazapril with/without hydrochlorothiazide</li> <li>▪ quinapril with/without hydrochlorothiazide</li> <li>▪ trandolapril</li> </ul>
Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARBs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ eprosartan with/without hydrochlorothiazide</li> <li>▪ irbesartan with/without hydrochlorothiazide</li> <li>▪ olmesartan with/without hydrochlorothiazide</li> </ul>
Dihydropyridine Calcium Channel Blockers (CCBs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ felodipine</li> </ul>
Histamine <sub>2</sub> Receptor Blockers (H <sub>2</sub> Blockers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ cimetidine</li> </ul>
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">▪ esomeprazole 20 or 40 mg</li> <li style="width: 50%;">▪ omeprazole 20 mg</li> <li style="width: 50%;">▪ lansoprazole 15 or 30 mg</li> <li style="width: 50%;">▪ pantoprazole sodium 40 mg</li> </ul>
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">▪ fluvastatin</li> <li style="width: 50%;">▪ pravastatin</li> <li style="width: 50%;">▪ lovastatin</li> <li style="width: 50%;">▪ simvastatin</li> </ul>

For a full listing of drugs and changes to coverage, please click [here](#).

### How can I receive full\* coverage for a non-reference drug?

Your doctor can apply for [Special Authority](#) from BC PharmaCare to receive full coverage of a non-reference drug if the reference product is ineffective due to possible drug interactions, intolerance or treatment failure. If Special Authority is granted, please submit the documentation to Pacific Blue Cross.

\*Note that coverage is subject to any applicable plan markup limit, deductible and coinsurance.

### If I have claimed a non-reference drug, how will I know if I am only getting partially covered because my plan follows provincial pricing.

If you look at your drug in CARESnet, the response will read:

**We consider the drug cost portion up to the maximum daily reference price. The excess amount is not eligible under your plan.**

### What if I do not qualify for full coverage for a non-reference drug?

1. You can ask your doctor to prescribe a more cost effective reference drug.
2. You can ask your pharmacist to adapt a prescription and dispense a reference product instead of the non-reference product prescribed by their doctor.

***What if I already have Special Authority to receive full coverage for a non-reference drug?***

*If Special Authority has been sent to Pacific Blue Cross, you will continue to receive full coverage. If not, please send the documentation to Pacific Blue Cross as soon as possible.*

***I already have Special Authority for a non-reference drug that is a Proton Pump Inhibitor or an Angiotensin Receptor Blocker. Will I automatically continue to receive full coverage for that drug?***

*No, you will need additional Special Authority to receive full coverage for a non-reference drug. The Special Authority only grants coverage of the reference drugs. For a full listing of reference drugs, please [click here](#).*

***How can I find out if I have been pre-approved for full coverage of a non-reference drug?***

- 1. Your physician can confirm by calling 1 866 905 4912 (select Option 1).*
- 2. Your pharmacist can also call the PharmaNet Help Desk and select "Special Authority" from the self-service options. Once confirmed, the pharmacist can notify Pacific Blue Cross that Special Authority has been confirmed.*

***For more information, visit the BC PharmaCare website:***

***<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/pharmacare/prescribers/reference-drug-program>***