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December 2017 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **December 2017** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Amoxicillin (Alphamox 125) grans for oral liq 125 mg per 5 ml, 100 ml – up to 200 ml available on PSO and wastage claimable (p'code 2503557)
- Bicalutamide (Binarex) tab 50 mg (p'code 2523655)
- Nifedipine (Adefin) tab long-acting 10 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2534584)
- Fluconazole (Mylan) cap 50 mg (p'code 2149060) and 200 mg (p'code 2149052) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist
- Fluconazole (Mylan) cap 150 mg – Maximum of 1 cap per prescription – Subsidy by endorsement – Retail pharmacy-Specialist (p'code 2149079)
- Hepatitis B recombinant vaccine (Engerix-B) inj 20 mcg per 1 ml prefilled syringe – [Xpharm] (p'code 2534533)
- Ibuprofen (Relieve) tab 200 mg (p'code 2526212)
- Oxybutynin (Ditropan) tab 5 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 305316)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Mylan Clonidine) brand switch fee – may be claimed once per patient (p'code 2533839)
- Pravastatin (Apo-Pravastatin) tab 20 mg (p'code 2525976)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Azithromycin tab 250 mg and 500 mg (Apo-Azithromycin) and grans for oral liq 200 mg per 5 ml (40 mg per ml) (Zithromax) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Clonidine (Mylan) patch 2.5 mg, 100 mcg per day; 5 mg, 200 mcg per day and 7.5 mg, 300 mcg per day – Brand Switch Fee payable
- Dexamethasone (Ozurdex) ocular implant 700 mcg – amended Special Authority note
- Hepatitis B recombinant vaccine (HBvaxPRO) inj 10 mcg per 1 ml vial – Sole Supply suspended
- Lamivudine (Zeffix) tab 100 mg and oral liq 5 mg per ml, 240 ml OP – amended Special Authority criteria
- Leflunomide (Apo-Leflunomide) tab 10 mg and 20 mg – Brand Switch Fee removed
- Levonorgestrel (Postinor-1) tab 1.5 mg – Pharmacist able to claim subsidy without a prescription
- Nifedipine (Adalat 10) tab long-acting 10 mg – Sole Supply suspended
- Primaquine phosphate (Primacin) tab 7.5 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Quinapril with hydrochlorothiazide (Accuretic 10 and Accuretic 20) tab 10 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg and 20 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg – reinstate Stat (all-at-once) dispensing
- Rituximab inj 100 mg per 10 ml vial and 500 mg per 50 ml vial (Mabthera) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Venlafaxine (Enlax XR) cap 37.5 mg, 75 mg and 150 mg – Brand Switch Fee removed and addition of Stat (all-at-once) dispensing
- Water inj 5 ml ampoule (InterPharma), inj 10 ml ampoule (Pfizer) and inj 20 ml ampoule (Multichem and InterPharma) – amended restriction

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Ispaghula (psyllium) husk	Powder for oral soln, 500 g OP	Bonvit Konsyl-D*
Pentoxifylline [oxpentifylline]	Tab 400 mg	Trental 400

* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 December 2017.

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands*
Brimonidine tartrate	Eye drops 0.2%, 5 ml OP	Arrow-Brimonidine	
Carvedilol	Tab 6.25 mg, 12.5 mg and 25 mg	Carvedilol Sandoz*	Dicarz
Escitalopram	Tab 10 mg and 20 mg	Apo-Escitalopram * Air Flow Products	
Finasteride	Tab 5 mg	Ricit*	Finpro
Hyoscine butylbromide	Tab 10 mg	Buscopan*	Gastrosooth
Levodopa with carbidopa	Tab 100 mg with carbidopa 25 mg Tab 250 mg with carbidopa 25 mg Tab long-acting 200 mg with carbidopa 50 mg	Sinemet Kinson* Sinemet Sinemet CR	
Nifedipine	Tab long-acting 30 mg and 60 mg	Adalat Oros* Adefin XL	

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