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December 2021 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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This is an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **December 2021** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

The full Update will be available as a PDF on our website. The changes will be published in the online Schedule around the 23rd of this month and are effective from next month.

For any questions about these listing changes or the Pharmaceutical Schedule in general, email us at enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz.

New listings

- Aminoacid formula without phenylalanine (PKU Lophlex Powder) powder (berry) 28 g sachets (p'code 2593882) and powder (orange) 28 g sachets (p'code 2593890) – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3]
- Amisulpride (Sulprix) tab 200 mg – new Pharmacode listing (p'code 2609398)
- Buspirone hydrochloride (Buspirone Viatris) tab 5 mg (p'code 2615355) and 10 mg (p'code 2615363)
- Calamine (Calamine-AFT) crm, aqueous, BP, 100 g – only on a prescription and not in combination (p'code 2615495)
- Cetomacrogol (Cetomacrogol-AFT) crm BP, 500 g (p'code 2615509)
- Diltiazem hydrochloride (Accord) cap extended-release 120 mg – section 29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2625849)
- Flucloxacillin (Flucloxacillin-AFT) cap 250 mg (p'code 2335573) and 500 mg (p'code 2224186) – up to 30 cap available on a PSO
- Heparin sodium (Heparin DBL) inj 25,000 per ml, 0.2 ml, 50 pack (p'code 2627884) – section 29 and wastage claimable
- Labetalol (Trandate) inj 5 mg per ml, 20 ml ampoule – new Pharmacode listing (p'code 2604116)
- Moclobemide (Aurorix) tab 300 mg – new Pharmacode listing (p'code 2602393)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Folic Acid Mylan) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2621940)
- Prednisone (Prednisone Clinect) tab 1 mg (p'code 2608715) and 2.5 mg (p'code 2608723)
- Prednisone (Prednisone Clinect) tab 5 mg (p'code 2608731) and 20 mg (p'code 2608731) – Up to 30 tab available on a PSO
- Rosuvastatin (Rosuvastatin Viatris) tab 5 mg (p'code 2616742), 10 mg (p'code 2616750), 20 mg (p'code 2616769) and 40 mg (p'code 2616777) – Special Authority – Retail Pharmacy

- Ruxolitinib (Jakavi) tab 10 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy, wastage claimable (p'code 2627817)
- Tocilizumab (Actemra S29) inj 20 mg per ml, 4 ml vial (p'code 2627930), 10 ml vial (p'code 2627965) and 20 ml vial (p'code 2628007) – PCT only – Special Authority, section 29
- Tocilizumab (RoActemra S29) inj 20 mg per ml, 4 ml vial, 1 pack (p'code 2627930), 4 pack (p'code 2627957), 10 ml vial, 1 pack (p'code 2627973) and 20 ml vial, 1 pack (p'code 2627949) and 4 pack (p'code 2627957) – PCT only – Special Authority, section 29

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Amino acid formula powder, 400 g OP (Alfamino and Alfamino Junior), powder (unflavoured), 400 g OP (Elecare, Elecare LCP, Neocate Gold, Neocate Junior, Unflavoured and Neocate SYNEO) and powder (vanilla), 400 g OP (Elecare and Neocate Junior Vanilla) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Enteral feed 1.5kcal/ml liquid 250 ml OP (Ensure Plus HN) and 1,000 ml OP (Ensure Plus RTH) – amended chemical description
- Folic acid (Folic Acid Mylan) tab 5 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Glycopyrronium (Seebri Breezhaler) powder for inhalation 50 mcg per dose, 30 dose OP – amended endorsement criteria
- Ipratropium bromide (Atrovent) aerosol inhaler, 20 mcg per dose CFC-free, 200 dose OP – removal of no patient co-payment payable
- Oestradiol valerate (Progynova) tab 2 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Prazosin (Arrotex-Prazosin S29) tab 1 mg, 2 mg and 5 mg – brand name change
- Tiotropium bromide powder for inhalation, 18 mcg per dose, 30 dose (Spiriva) and soln for inhalation 2.5 mg per dose, 60 dose OP (Spiriva Respimat) – amended endorsement criteria
- Umeclidinium (Incruse Ellipta) powder for inhalation 62.5 mcg per dose, 30 dose OP – amended endorsement criteria
- Vigabatrin (Sabril) tab 500 mg – amended Special Authority criteria

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Amiloride hydrochloride	Oral liq 1 mg per ml, 25 ml OP	Biomed	
Chlorothiazide	Oral liq 50 mg per ml, 25 ml OP	Biomed	
Diabetic oral feed 1kcal/ml	Liquid (vanilla), 200 ml OP	Nutren Diabetic Diasip*	Sustagen Diabetic*

Dexamethasone	Oral liq 1 mg per ml, 25 ml OP	Biomed	
Folic acid	Oral liq 50 mcg per ml, 25 ml OP	Biomed	
Sodium bicarbonate	Inj 8.4%, 50 ml vial Inj 8.4%, 100 ml vial	Biomed	
Sodium chloride	Inj 23.4% (4 mmol/ml), 20 ml ampoule	Biomed	

* no subsidy change for this brand for 1 December 2021.

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Ferrous fumarate	Tab 200 mg (65 mg elemental)	Ferro-tab	
Flucloxacillin	Cap 250 mg and 500 mg	Staphlex Flucloxacillin-AFT**	

** newly listed brand from 1 December 2021.