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Memorandum / Note de service

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**Subject / Objet : May 2009 Update to the
Interchangeable / Maximum Allowable Cost List**

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The May 2009 update to the PEI Drug Programs Interchangeable / Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) List has been published. Changes in interchangeability will come into effect on 18 May 2009. Changes in pricing related to the addition of new interchangeable/MAC categories will come into effect on 01 June 2009.

Adobe Acrobat (pdf) and Excel versions of the complete list can be downloaded from the Government website at: www.gov.pe.ca/sss/pads-info.

All product availability and pricing has been confirmed with manufacturers prior to publication of this update.

Please contact the Pharmacy Services Office at 368-4947 (Charlottetown) or 1-877-577-3737 (toll-free in PEI) if you are unable to access a copy of the list online.

Please note that the Maximum Allowable Cost List also contains products that although not listed in the Drug Programs Formulary but may be available through the Special Authorization (Exceptional Drug Request) Process. Refer to the Formulary to determine coverage of products under specific drug programs.

In addition, some of the Interchangeable / MAC Categories are only available through the Palliative Home Care Drug Pilot Project.

NEW INTERCHANGEABLE / MAC CATEGORIES

The following new categories have been added to the Maximum Allowable Cost List.

METHYLPHENIDATE 5mg TABLET	02234749 02273950	PMS-METHYLPHENIDATE APO-METHYLPHENIDATE	PMS APX	0.0947
METHYLPHENIDATE 20MG SUSTAINED RELEASE TABLET	00632775 2320312	RITALIN SR SANDOZ METHYLPHENIDATE SR	NVR SDZ	0.4440

PRODUCTS ADDED TO THE INTERCHANGEABLE / MAC LIST

The following products have been added to existing interchangeable categories.

CO PRAMIPEXOLE 0.25MG TABLET	02297302
CO PRAMIPEXOLE 0.5MG TABLET	02297310
CO PRAMIPEXOLE 1.0MG TABLET	02297329
CO PRAMIPEXOLE 1.5MG TABLET	02297337
PMS-OMEPRAZOLE 20MG CAPSULE	02320851

CHANGES TO MAC PRICES

The following reimbursement prices have changed.

The "N/A" notation appearing in some categories stands for "not applicable" and means that there is no MAC price set because the prices of the various brands in the category are the same or similar. Each brand within that category will be reimbursed as defined within the present pharmacy services agreement.

CYCLOSPORINE 25MG CAPSULE	02150689 02247073	NEORAL SANDOZ CYCLOSPORINE	NVR SDZ	<u>1.3125</u>
CYCLOSPORINE 50MG CAPSULE	02150662 02247074	NEORAL SANDOZ CYCLOSPORINE	NVR SDZ	<u>2.6250</u>
CYCLOSPORINE 100MG CAPSULE	02150670 02242821	NEORAL SANDOZ CYCLOSPORINE	NVR SDZ	<u>5.2500</u>
ESTRADIOL 50UG TRANSDERMAL PATCH	02244000 02246967	ESTRADOT SANDOZ ESTRADIOL DERM	NVR SDZ	<u>2.2942</u>
ESTRADIOL 75UG TRANSDERMAL PATCH	02244001 02246968	ESTRADOT SANDOZ ESTRADIOL DERM	NVR SDZ	<u>2.5095</u>
ESTRADIOL 100UG TRANSDERMAL PATCH	02244002 02246969	ESTRADOT SANDOZ ESTRADIOL DERM	NVR SDZ	<u>2.6460</u>
FRAMYCETIN SULFATE & GRAMICIDIN & DEXAMETHASONE 0.5MG & 0.05MG & 0.5MG PER ML OPH/OTIC SOLUTION	02224623 02247920	SOFRACORT SANDOZ OPTICORT	AVN SDZ	<u>1.3650</u>
METHYLPREDNISOLONE (PF) ACETATE 40MG/ML INJ (1ML)	00030759 02245400	DEPO-MEDROL METHYLPREDNISOLONE	PFI SDZ	<u>4.7250</u>
METHYLPREDNISOLONE ACETATE 40MG/ML INJ (2ML)	01934333 02245407	DEPO-MEDROL METHYLPREDNISOLONE	PFI SDZ	<u>4.5150</u>
METHYLPREDNISOLONE (PF) ACETATE 80MG/ML INJ (1ML)	00030767 02245406	DEPO-MEDROL METHYLPREDNISOLONE	PFI SDZ	<u>9.0300</u>
PREDNISOLONE ACETATE 0.12% OPH SUSPENSION	00299405 01916181	PRED MILD SANDOZ PREDNISOLONE	ALL SDZ	<u>1.3282</u>

PREDNISOLONE ACETATE 1% OPH SUSPENSION	00301175 00700401 01916203 02023768	PRED-FORTE RATIO-PREDNISOLONE SANDOZ PREDNISOLONE DIOPRED	ALL RPH SDZ SDZ	<u>2.0745</u>
SODIUM AUROTHIOMALATE 10MG/ML INJECTION	01927620 02245456	MYOCHRYSSINE SODIUM AUROTHIOMALATE	AVN SDZ	<u>9.2820</u>
SODIUM AUROTHIOMALATE 10MG/ML INJECTION	01927612 02245457	MYOCHRYSSINE SODIUM AUROTHIOMALATE	AVN SDZ	<u>11.2560</u>
SODIUM AUROTHIOMALATE 50MG/ML INJECTION	01927604 02245458	MYOCHRYSSINE SODIUM AUROTHIOMALATE	AVN SDZ	<u>17.4825</u>
TRANEXAMIC ACID 100MG/ML INJECTION	02064413 02246365	CYKLOKAPRON TRANEXAMIC ACID	PFI SDZ	<u>3.9564</u>
ZIDOVUDINE (AZT) 100MG CAPSULE	01902660 01946323	RETROVIR APO-ZIDOVUDINE	GSK APX	<u>1.3388</u>

DELETED INTERCHANGEABLE / MAC CATEGORIES

The following categories have been removed from the Maximum Allowable Cost List due to the discontinuation of one of the brands by the manufacturer. The discontinued products will not appear in the next publication of the Drug Programs Formulary, but will remain as benefits for the next twelve months.

The remaining product within that category will be reimbursed as defined within the current Pharmacy Services Agreement.

OXYCODONE HCL & ASA 5MG & 325MG TABLET	00608157 01916572	RATIO-OXYCODAN PERCODAN	RPH BMS (DISC)
PROCHLORPERAZINE 5MG TABLET	00886440 01964399	APO-PROCHLORAZINE NU-PROCHLOR	APX (DISC) NXP (DISC)
PROCHLORPERAZINE 10MG TABLET	00886432 01964402	APO-PROCHLORAZINE NU-PROCHLOR	APX (DISC) NXP (DISC)

DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

The following products have been removed from the Maximum Allowable Cost List. These products will not appear in the next publication of the Drug Programs Formulary, but will remain as benefits for the next twelve months.

CAPOTEN 12.5MG TABLET	00695661
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CHANGE IN MANUFACTURER

The manufacturer of the following products has changed.

NO CHANGES AT THIS TIME.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

The following line extensions have been added to the Drug Programs Formulary. Coverage of these products is the same as for other strengths of the same product.

New Interchangeable/MAC List Format

The format of the Interchangeable/MAC list has changed. In response to requests, the list is now available in two formats, Excel (*.xls) and Adobe Acrobat (*.pdf). Both formats can be downloaded from the Government website at: www.gov.pe.ca/sss/pads-info.

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