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Coverage of Olanzapine (Zyprexa Zydis) Orally Disintegrating Tablets

Due to the significant difference in cost between generic regular-release olanzapine tablets and Zyprexa Zydis orally disintegrating tablets, coverage of Zyprexa Zydis under all eligible programs will require submission of an Exceptional Drug Request.

Coverage will be limited to patients qualifying for coverage of regular-release olanzapine tablets (see Appendix A of the Drug Programs Formulary), but unable to use normal olanzapine tablets.

Coverage of Clozapine (Clozaril)

Effective July 23, 2007, the PEI Drug Programs will be introducing a Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) for all clozapine products. As a result, pharmacies will only be reimbursed up to the price of lowest priced generic brand of clozapine.

This advance notice is being provided to allow for any needed transfers from one manufacturer-specific clozapine registry system to another for patients who are not currently using a lower cost generic brand of clozapine. Please contact the manufacturers of these products for further information regarding their registry systems.

Information from Health Canada's June 2004 Advisory for Health Care Professionals regarding the monitoring of patients taking clozapine is available online at:

www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/medeff/clozapine_hpc-cps_e.pdf

Coverage of Tamsulosin (Flomax) 0.4mg Sustained Release Capsules

The Exceptional Drug Status (EDS) criteria have been removed from Flomax and all interchangeable tamsulosin 0.4 mg sustained release capsule products. These are now covered without requiring physicians to submit an Exceptional Drug Request (EDR) form.

Please note that Flomax CR 0.4 mg controlled release tablets are not covered by any of the PEI Drug Programs.

Coverage of Xeloda (Capecitabine)

Effective July 1, 2007 the coverage for Xeloda (Capecitabine) has been extended from six months to twelve months.