

Budesonide Inhalation Solution (Pulmicort Nebuamp®)

Under the Family Health Benefit and Financial Assistance Programs, all strengths of budesonide inhalation solution (Pulmicort Nebuamp®) are limited to children under 6 years of age.

Coverage for children under 6 years of age does not require an Exceptional Drug Request. However, pharmacies must contact the Drug Programs Office at 368-4947 (Charlottetown) or 1-877-577-3737 (toll-free) to have budesonide inhalation solution authorized for patients. Once obtained, authorization to fill prescriptions for budesonide inhalation solution remains in place until the child turns 6 years of age.

Coverage for budesonide inhalation solution is not provided for persons over 6 years of age as the medical literature shows their asthma can be effectively managed using either a dry powder inhaler (e.g. Flovent Diskus® or Pulmicort Turbuhaler®) or a metered-dose inhaler (e.g. Flovent®) in combination with a holding chamber (e.g. Aerochamber® or Pocket Chamber®).

Additions to the Formulary

Nursing Home Program

Coverage for the following medications has been reinstated:

ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID

325 mg Tablet

00999959 ASA

Note: The Drug Identification Number listed is for billing purposes only.

GLYCERIN

2.7 g Rectal Suppository

02020394 Glycerin TCH

AIDS/HIV Program

ABACAVIR & LAMIVUDINE & ZIDOVUDINE

300 mg & 150 mg & 300 mg Tablet

02244757 Trizivir GSK

Note: All prescriptions under the AIDS/HIV Program must be filled at the Provincial Pharmacy.

Drug Program Information

For information regarding the Drug Programs, client eligibility, prescriber eligibility, medication eligibility, pharmacy eligibility, claims, or Exceptional Drug Status please contact the Drug Programs Office at:

1-902-368-4947 Charlottetown

1-877-577-3737 toll-free in PEI

1-902-368-4905 fax