

PHARMACY *update*

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GREEN SHIELD CANADA (GSC) INTEGRATION WITH DRUGS AVAILABLE FROM PEI PHARMACARE PROVINCIAL PHARMACY

Effective February 1, 2018, GSC is integrating PEI provincial plan coverage more closely with our group benefits plans. If a product or service is eligible through a provincial health care program, then it must be accessed through the provincial government first before being eligible under a GSC benefits plan.

PEI has various drug programs where prescription drugs are available from the Provincial Pharmacy. The following provincial drug programs will be integrated with GSC:

- AIDS/HIV Program (A)
- Community Mental Health Program (B)
- Cystic Fibrosis Program (C)
- Growth Hormone Program (Y)
- Hepatitis Program (H)
- Erythropoietin Program (E)
- Rabies Program (R)

Before submitting a claim to GSC, the plan member should first get the medication through the provincial program. Should the plan member not qualify for the provincial program, GSC will then consider the claim using GSC criteria.

When adjudicating a claim for a drug available from the program, the claim will deny and the pharmacy will receive a CPhA message “**QQ – drug ineligible – specialty program drug.**” The pharmacist should then check to see whether the plan member is eligible for treatment from programs delivered through the Provincial Pharmacy.

Should a plan member qualify for the program, then they should receive treatment from the program. However, if the plan member does not qualify for the program, then an intervention code “**DY – not eligible for Prov Plan Coverage**” should be used. For audit purposes, ensure that hard-copy documentation is kept explaining the rationale of using this intervention code.

Scenario	What to do
Plan member may be eligible for treatment from drug programs delivered through the Provincial Pharmacy.	Plan member to apply and receive medication from the Provincial Pharmacy.
Plan member does not qualify for treatment under the drug programs delivered through the Provincial Pharmacy	Intervention code DY – not eligible for Prov Plan Coverage should be used. Documentation should be kept on hard copy for audit.