

PHARMACY *update*

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GREEN SHIELD CANADA (GSC) INTEGRATES PROGRAMS WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIV/AIDS

Effective May 1, 2017, GSC will begin enforcing drug plan coordination requirements more closely on behalf of our plan sponsors. If a benefit is eligible through a government program and that program is the primary payor, then it must be accessed through the provincial government plan first before being eligible under a GSC benefits plan.

The British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (BC-CfE) Drug Treatment Program is a provincial government program that provides access to drugs for the management of HIV/AIDS to medically eligible patients. Individuals who meet the criteria for the BC-CfE Drug Treatment Program, receive their medication from an authorized pharmacy free of charge. Information about this program can be found at cfenet.ubc.ca/drug-treatment-program.

When adjudicating 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 pharmacy should then check to see whether the plan member is eligible for treatment under the BC-CfE Drug Treatment Program.

Any plan member qualifying for the BC-CfE program should receive treatment under that 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, hard copies should document why the intervention code was used.

Scenario	Action
Plan member may be eligible for treatment from the BC-CfE Drug Treatment Program.	Plan member to apply and receive medication from BC-CfE Drug Treatment Program.
Plan member does not qualify for treatment from the BC-CfE Drug Treatment Program.	Use intervention code DY – not eligible for Prov Plan Coverage. Keep hard-copy documentation for audit.
Medication is not being used for HIV/AIDS treatment.	Use intervention code DY – not eligible for Prov Plan Coverage should be used. Keep hard-copy documentation for audit.