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August 2011 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **September 2011** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (0800 66 00 50) to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Pravastatin (Cholvastin) tab 20 mg (p'code 2362295), and 40 mg (p'code 2362309) – Special Authority – Retail Pharmacy
- Candesartan (Candestar) tab 4 mg (p'code 2380404), 8 mg (p'code 2380412), 16 mg (p'code 2380420) and 32 mg (p'code 2380439) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – maximum daily doses apply
- Finasteride (Rex Medical) tab 5 mg (p'code 2219883) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Levothyroxine (Synthroid) tab 100 µg, 90 tab pack (p'code 2389460)
- Terbinafine (Dr Reddy's Terbinafine) tab 250 mg (p'code 2387735)
- Mefenamic acid (Ponstan) cap 250 mg, 50 cap pack (p'code 2389444) – additional subsidy by Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Bicalutamide (Bicalaccord) tab 50 mg (p'code 2387743) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy

Changes to restrictions

- Budesonide (Entocort CIR) cap 3 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Benzylpenicillin sodium (Penicillin G) inj 600 mg – amended presentation description
- Adalimumab inj 40 mg per 0.8 ml prefilled pen and syringe (HumiraPen and Humira) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Etanercept (Enbrel) inj 25 mg, and 50 mg autoinjector and prefilled syringe – amended Special Authority criteria
- Olanzapine (Zyprexa) tab 2.5 mg, 5 mg and 10 mg – Special Authority removed
- Olanzapine (Zyprexa Zydis) wafer 5 mg and 10 mg – Special Authority removed
- Thalidomide cap 50 mg (Thalidomide Pharmion and Thalomid) and cap 100 mg (Thalomid) – removal of only on a controlled drug form

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Calcium carbonate	Tab eff 1.75 g (1 g elemental)	Calsource	
Fludarabine phosphate	Inj 50 mg for ECP	Baxter	
Imiquimod	Crm 5%	Aldara	
Olanzapine	Tab 2.5 mg	Olanzine Dr Reddy's Olanzapine	Zyprexa
	Tab 5 mg	Olanzine Dr Reddy's Olanzapine	Zyprexa
	Tab 10 mg	Olanzine Dr Reddy's Olanzapine	Zyprexa

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Olanzapine	Wafer 5 mg	Olanzine Dr Reddy's Olanzapine	Zyprexa Zydis
	Wafer 10 mg	Olanzine Dr Reddy's Olanzapine	Zyprexa Zydis

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Acetazolamide	Tab 250 mg	Diamox
Aminophylline	Inj 25 mg per ml, 10 ml	DBL Aminophylline
Amoxicillin	Inj 250 mg Inj 500 mg Inj 1 g	Ibiamox Ibiamox Ibiamox
Benzylpenicillin sodium (Penicillin G)	Inj 600 mg	Sandoz
Calcium folinate	Tab 15 mg	DBL Leucovorin Calcium
Carbohydrate supplement	Powder	Polycal
Cetirizine hydrochloride	Oral liq 1 mg per ml	Cetirizine – AFT
Clotrimazole	Crn 1%, 20 g OP	Clomazol
Cyclophosphamide	Inj 1 g Inj 2 g	Endoxan Endoxan
Ergometrine maleate	Inj 500 µg per ml, 1 ml	DBL Ergometrine
Flucloxacillin sodium	Inj 250 mg Inj 500 mg Inj 1 g	Flucloxin Flucloxin Flucloxin
Hydrocortisone	Crn 1%, 500 g	Pharmacy Health
Hydrocortisone	Powder, 25 g	ABM
Hyoscine n-butylbromide	Inj 20 mg, 1 ml	Buscopan
Lithium carbonate	Cap 250 mg	Douglas
Mebendazole	Tab 100 mg	De-Worm
Morphine sulphate	Inj 5 mg per ml, 1 ml Inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml; Inj 15 mg per ml, 1 ml Inj 30 mg per ml, 1 ml	DBL Morphine Sulphate DBL Morphine Sulphate DBL Morphine Sulphate DBL Morphine Sulphate
Miconazole nitrate	Crn 2%, 15 g OP	Multichem
Norethisterone	Tab 5 mg	Primolut N
Pethidine hydrochloride	Inj 50 mg per ml, 1 ml Inj 50 mg per ml, 2 ml	DBL Pethidine Hydrochloride DBL Pethidine Hydrochloride
Procaine penicillin	Inj 1.5 mega u	Cilicaine
Tar with triethanolamine lauryl sulphate and fluorescein	Soln 500 ml Soln 1,000 ml	Pinetarsol Pinetarsol
Temazepam	Tab 10 mg	Normison
Zinc sulphate	Cap 137.4 mg (50 g elemental)	Zincaps

NB. For further details and magnitude of the above subsidy changes, please consult the online version of the Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule at: www.pharmac.govt.nz/healthpros/Schedule.