

# PEI Pharmacare Bulletin

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**NEW PRODUCT(S) ADDED TO THE PEI PHARMACARE FORMULARY**  
**(EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 27, 2023)**

Product (Generic name)	Product (Brand name)	Strength	Dosage Form	DIN	MFR
<b>Azacitidine</b>	<b>Onureg</b>	<b>200 mg 300 mg</b>	<b>Tablet Tablet</b>	<b>02510197 02510200</b>	<b>CEL</b>
Criteria	<p>As maintenance therapy for adult patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) who meet all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermediate or poor risk cytogenetics</li> <li>• Complete remission (CR) or complete remission with incomplete blood count recovery (CRi) following induction therapy, with or without consolidation treatment.</li> <li>• Not eligible for hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT)</li> </ul> <p>Clinical Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Newly diagnosed includes patients with AML de novo or secondary to prior myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) or chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML).</li> <li>2. Last dose of chemotherapy should be within 4 months of starting azacitidine maintenance.</li> <li>3. Treatment should be discontinued upon disease relapse (i.e., appearance of greater than 5% blasts in the bone marrow or peripheral blood), unacceptable toxicity, or if patient becomes eligible for allogeneic bone marrow or stem cell transplant during the treatment period.</li> </ol>				
Program Eligibility	High Cost Drug Program, Catastrophic Drug Program				

Product (Generic name)	Product (Brand name)	Strength	Dosage Form	DIN	MFR
<b>Decitabine and Cedazuridine</b>	<b>Inqovi</b>	<b>35mg / 100mg</b>	<b>Tablet</b>	<b>02501600</b>	<b>TAI</b>
Criteria	<p>For the treatment of patients with myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS), including previously treated and untreated, who meet all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• De novo or secondary MDS including all French-American-British subtypes (i.e., refractory anemia, refractory anemia with ringed sideroblasts, refractory anemia with excess blasts, refractory anemia with excess blasts in transformation, and chronic myelomonocytic leukemia)</li> <li>• Intermediate-1, intermediate-2, or high-risk MDS, according to the International Prognostic Scoring System</li> </ul>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have not experienced disease progression on a hypomethylating agent</li> </ul> <p>Clinical Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients should have a good performance status.</li> <li>Treatment should be discontinued upon disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.</li> </ol>
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<b>Febratinib</b>	<b>Inrebic</b>	<b>100 mg</b>	<b>Capsule</b>	<b>02502445</b>	<b>CEL</b>
Criteria	For the treatment of splenomegaly and/or disease-related symptoms in adult patients with intermediate-2 or high-risk primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis, or post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis, who have a contraindication or intolerance to ruxolitinib.				
	<p>Clinical Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients should have a good performance status.</li> <li>Treatment should be discontinued upon disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.</li> </ol>				
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<b>Omeprazole</b>	<b>Sandoz-Omeprazole</b>	<b>10 mg</b>	<b>Tablet</b>	<b>02296438</b>	<b>SDZ</b>
Criteria	Open benefit				
Program Eligibility	Family Health Benefit Drug Program, Financial Assistance Drug Program, Generic Drug Program, Nursing Home Drug Program, Seniors Drug Program, Catastrophic Drug Program				

<b>Satralizumab</b>	<b>Enspryng</b>	<b>120mg/mL</b>	<b>Prefilled Syringe</b>	<b>02499681</b>	<b>HLR</b>
Criteria	For the treatment of patients 12 years of age and older with neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD) who meet all of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are anti-aquaporin4 (AQP4) seropositive</li> <li>Must have had at least one relapse of NMOSD in the previous 12 months:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>despite an adequate trial of other accessible preventive treatments<sup>1</sup> for NMOSD, OR</li> <li>because the patient cannot tolerate other preventive treatments<sup>1</sup> for NMOSD</li> </ul> </li> <li>Patients must have an EDSS score of 6.5 points or less.</li> <li>Satralizumab should not be initiated during a NMOSD relapse episode.</li> </ul>				
	<p>Renewal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requests for renewal will be considered for patients who maintain an EDSS score of less than 8 points.</li> </ul>				
	<p>Clinical Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be prescribed by a neurologist with expertise in treating NMOSD.</li> </ul>				
	<p>Claim Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combined use of more than one biologic drug will not be reimbursed.</li> <li>Approvals will be for a maximum of 120mg at week 0, 2 and 4, then 120 mg every four weeks thereafter.</li> </ol>				
	<sup>1</sup> Other accessible preventative treatments include, but are not limited to, monoclonal antibodies and other immunosuppressants.				
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<b>Sucroferric oxyhydroxide</b>	<b>Velphoro</b>	<b>500 mg</b>	<b>Chewable tablet</b>	<b>02471574</b>	<b>VFM</b>
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Criteria	For the treatment of hyperphosphatemia (>1.8 mmol/L) in patients with end stage renal disease (eGFR<15ml/min) who have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate control of phosphate levels on a calcium based phosphate binder, or</li> <li>Hypercalcemia (corrected for albumin), or</li> <li>Calciophylaxis (calcific arteriopathy)</li> </ul> Clinical Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial approval for 6 months, renewed at 1 year intervals with demonstration of clinically meaningful improvement of phosphate levels (lab values must be provided).</li> </ul>
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<b>Trientine</b>	<b>Waymade-Trientine MAR-Trientine</b>	<b>250 mg</b>	<b>Capsule</b>	<b>02515067 02504855</b>	<b>WMD MAR</b>
Criteria	For the treatment of Wilson's disease in patients who have experienced intolerance or have a contraindication to d-penicillamine. Clinical Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intolerance is defined as demonstrating serious adverse effects to treatments. The nature of intolerance(s) must be clearly documented.</li> </ul> Claims Notes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treatment must be initiated by clinicians experienced in the management of Wilson's disease for adult patients 18 years of age or older.</li> <li>Treatment must be initiated and renewed by clinicians experienced in the management of Wilson's disease for patients less than 18 years of age.</li> </ol>				
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**CRITERIA UPDATE**  
**(EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY)**

Galantamine and Rivastigmine criteria has been updated as outlined below.

Product (Generic name)	Product (Brand name)	Strength	Dosage Form	DIN	MFR
<b>Galantamine</b>	<b>Various Generics</b>	<b>8 mg 16 mg 24 mg</b>	<b>ER Capsule ER Capsule ER Capsule</b>	<b>Various DIN's</b>	<b>Various Manufacturers</b>
Criteria	For the treatment of patients with mild to moderate dementia who have had an intolerance to donepezil and who meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini-Mental State Exam (MMSE) score of 10 to 30</li> </ul> Clinical Notes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requests must contain an updated MMSE and FAST score completed within 6 months of the request.</li> <li>The nature of the intolerance must be described.</li> </ol> Claim Note: Approval period: 1 year				
Program Eligibility	Family Health Benefit Drug Program, Financial Assistance Drug Program, Generic Drug Program, Nursing Home Drug Program, Seniors Drug Program, Catastrophic Drug Program				

Rivastigmine	Various Generics	1.5 mg 3 mg 4.5 mg 6 mg	Capsule Capsule Capsule Capsule	Various DIN's	Various Manufacturers
Criteria	<p>For the treatment of patients with mild to moderate dementia who have had an intolerance to donepezil and who meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini-Mental State Exam (MMSE) score of 10 to 30</li> </ul> <p>Clinical Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requests must contain an updated MMSE and FAST score completed within 6 months of the request.</li> <li>2. The nature of the intolerance must be described.</li> </ol> <p>Claim Note: Approval period: 1 year</p>				
Program Eligibility	<p>Family Health Benefit Drug Program, Financial Assistance Drug Program, Generic Drug Program, Nursing Home Drug Program, Seniors Drug Program, Catastrophic Drug Program</p>				