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## **PEI Pharmacare Bulletin**

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# NEW PRODUCT(S) ADDED TO THE PEI PHARMACARE FORMULARY (EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2025)

Product (Generic name)	Product (Brand name)	Strength	Dosage Form	DIN	MFR
Nicotine	Nic-Hit Liquid Nicotine	1 mg	Liquid Spray	80054636	NHI
		2 mg		80060452	
Criteria	Open benefit				
Program Eligibility	Smoking Cessation Program				

#### PEI BIOSIMILAR INITIATIVE REMINDERS

Effective September 1st, originator products Stelara® and Prolia® will be delisted from the PEI Pharmacare Formulary.

#### Ustekinumab (Stelara®)

Patients with existing PEI Pharmacare coverage for Stelara® will need to switch to a biosimilar version before
 August 31, 2025, or by the renewal date of their current special authorization, whichever is earlier, to maintain
 coverage through PEI Pharmacare. A reminder that once a patient is switched to an ustekinumab biosimilar the
 annual reassessment of the patient and submission of a new Special Authorization Request Form is no longer
 required. (For patients newly starting on ustekinumab, the submission of an initial request and subsequent
 renewal will still be required; however, coverage will be set up long term thereafter assuming confirmation of
 continued response to therapy).

### Denosumab (Prolia®)

• Patients with existing PEI Pharmacare coverage for Prolia® will need to switch to the biosimilar version before **August 31, 2025**, to maintain coverage through PEI Pharmacare. A new special authorization request for the biosimilar is not required.

A reminder that pharmacists may be reimbursed for a therapeutic substitution as outlined in the Professional Services Reimbursement Framework on the Resources for Community Pharmacies webpage at <a href="https://src.healthpei.ca/resources-community-pharmacies">https://src.healthpei.ca/resources-community-pharmacies</a>.