

P.E.I. Pharmacare

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Auvi-Q 0.3mg (DIN 02480379), epinephrine auto-injector, is available as a potential benefit replacement for Pharmacare clients unable to access Epipen. Please follow the regular process for requesting Epipen Special Authorization renewals for Pharmacare clients but identify if Epipen is not available to the pharmacy. Pharmacare will verify the availability of Epipen and approve Auvi-Q as a short term benefit if Epipen is not available.

REMINDER

Upon internal audit, it has been identified several pharmacies have been billing Pharmacare eligible formulary DIN's but dispensing DIN's that are not eligible. From the *Drug Cost Assistance Act*:

19. (1) No person shall

(a) on behalf of himself or herself or on behalf of another person, obtain or receive benefits to which that person or the other person is not entitled to obtain or receive under the Plan;

(b) provide false or misleading information or records pursuant to a requirement of this Act or the regulations to provide information or records;

(c) fail to provide information, answers or records as required by this Act or the regulations; or

(d) aid or abet another person in applying for, obtaining or receiving any benefits under the Plan for which the person is not eligible.

(2) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction

(a) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than 12 months, or to both; and

(b) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not less than \$20,000 and not more than \$50,000.

(3) Where a contravention or violation of any provision of this Act or the regulations continues for more than one day, the offender is guilty of a separate offence for each day that the contravention or violation continues. 2013,c.10,s.19.

COMPLIANCE PACKAGING

Upon internal audit, it has been identified some pharmacies continue to use the compliance packaging pseudoDIN as part of their batch filling process. Due to this practice, there have been a number of instances identified where Pharmacare have been billed when the Pharmacare client has not received or been entitled to the service. Please discontinue the practice of using the compliance packaging pseudoDIN as part of the batch filling process.