

SECTION 3A

Criteria for Optional Special Authorization of Select Drug Products

CRITERIA FOR OPTIONAL SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

The drug products listed in this section may be considered for coverage by optional special authorization for patients covered under Alberta Health-sponsored drug programs. (For Alberta Human Services clients, the optional special authorization criteria for coverage can be found in the Criteria for Optional Special Authorization of Select Drug Products section of the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement*.)

Criteria for Coverage

Wording that appears within quotation marks (“ ”) in this section is the official optional special authorization criteria, as recommended by the Alberta Health Expert Committee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics, and approved by the Minister of Health. Wording that is not enclosed in quotation marks outlines specific information required to interpret criteria, guidelines for submitting requests and/or information regarding conditions under which coverage cannot be provided.

Role of the Prescribers

In conjunction with the criteria, prescribers have two options by which patients may be eligible for coverage of these select optional special authorization drug products.

- 1) Prescribers can register to be a *designated prescriber*. Registration allows for patients to receive coverage of select drug products **without special authorization** as long as the prescription is written for one of the criteria for coverage set out in this section. Should a designated prescriber wish to prescribe one of the select drug products outside the coverage criteria, they may do so but must indicate this on the prescription; however, patients will not be eligible for payment under the Alberta government-sponsored program for such prescription and the patient may choose to receive the product at their expense. The registration form may be found on the previous page.
- 2) Prescribers who choose not to register will be considered *non-designated prescribers*. Such prescribers **will be required to apply for special authorization** on the patient's behalf.

Registration for Designated Prescriber Status – Select Quinolone Antibiotics

On the reverse is the official *Registration for Designated Prescriber Status – Select Quinolone Antibiotics* (ABC 60041).

- All requests to become a “Registered Designated Prescriber” must be submitted using the *Registration for Designated Prescriber Status – Select Quinolone Antibiotics form* only.
- **Photocopy this form and use as required.**
- Submit completed forms by FAX to Alberta Blue Cross:
(780) 498-8384 in Edmonton and area
1-877-828-4106 toll-free for all other areas

Once your request has successfully transmitted, please do not mail or re-fax your request.



ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SPONSORED DRUG BENEFIT PROGRAMS
OPTIONAL SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION

REGISTRATION FOR DESIGNATED PRESCRIBER STATUS
for Alberta Drug Benefit List Claim Coverage

Select Quinolone Antibiotics
ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin, moxifloxacin

Please complete all sections of this form
and return it by fax to Alberta Blue Cross

Registrations will be accepted on an ongoing basis

PRESCRIBER LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL	OFFICE PHONE	FAX
OFFICE ADDRESS		CITY	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS REGISTRATION NUMBER OR PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION NUMBER				
I have reviewed the criteria for coverage of select quinolone products and I agree to abide by and only prescribe in accordance with such criteria as updated from time to time in the Optional Special Authorization section of the <i>Alberta Drug Benefit List</i> .				
SIGNATURE OF PRESCRIBER (required)			DATE	
The information on this form is being collected and pursuant to sections 20, 21 and 22 of the Health Information Act, and sections 33 and 34 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, for the purposes of determining or verifying eligibility to participate in a program or receive a benefit, product or health service. If you have any questions regarding the collection or use of this information, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross privacy matters representative toll-free at 1-855-498-7302 or write to Privacy Matters, Alberta Blue Cross, 10009 - 108 Street, Edmonton AB T5J 3C5.				

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION BY FAX TO 1-877-305-9911

