

Pharmacy Benefact

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Influenza Antiviral Drug Policy - Alberta Public Health Activities Program (APHAP)

This Benefact provides notification of addition of Nat-Osetamivir 30 mg and 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02472635, 02472643) to the *Alberta Health Influenza Antiviral Drug Policy as Applied to Vulnerable Persons in Congregate Living Settings (Policy)*, as published in Benefact 757 regarding the *Alberta Public Health Activities Program (APHAP)* Influenza Immunization Program 2018/2019.

In compliance with the Policy, claims for Nat-Osetamivir 30 mg and 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02472635, 02472643) can be processed under the *Alberta Public Health Activities Program (APHAP)*.

Antiviral prescriptions should be treated as a priority and dispensed in a manner that meets the needs of the client (for example, compliance packaging). Whenever possible, the lowest cost antiviral option should be used first.

Claims processes for the *Alberta Health Influenza Antiviral Drug Policy as Applied to Vulnerable Persons in Congregate Living Settings (Policy)* are published in Benefact 757.

The following oseltamivir products are eligible for coverage:

DIN	Product Description
00002381842	Tamiflu 6 mg/ml Oral Suspension
00002304848	Tamiflu 30 mg Capsule
00002304856	Tamiflu 45 mg Capsule
00002241472	Tamiflu 75 mg Capsule
00002472635	Nat-Osetamivir 30 mg Capsule
00002472643	Nat-Osetamivir 45 mg Capsule
00002457989	Nat-Osetamivir 75 mg Capsule

It is of importance that Nat-Osetamivir be used in accordance with the Health Canada-approved product monograph. In the rare instance where no commercial Tamiflu or Nat-Osetamivir products are suitable or available, an oseltamivir compound may be claimed using the PIN 00999999.

Claims for oseltamivir prescriptions billed to other Government of Alberta drug plans are not eligible for coverage.

When you have questions:

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at:
780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area) • 403-294-4041 (Calgary and area) • 1-800-361-9632 (toll free)
FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area) • FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

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