

Coverage criteria updates for select benefits of Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) health benefit programs

Effective February 11, 2019, Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) has applied new quantity edits to ensure coverage criteria is met for the following drug products for clients under the Seniors (Group 60), Specified Disease Conditions (Group 21992) and Métis Health Benefit (Group 19866) programs. The Exception Approval process cannot be used for these products to apply for coverage beyond the coverage criteria defined in the table below. These limits will allow when necessary, an early refill after 70 per cent of the time has passed from the original fill as this will ensure patient accessibility.

Benzodiazepine Dose Limit

Molecule Strength/Form	Coverage Criteria
Alprazolam 0.25 mg Tablet Bromazepam 1.5 mg Tablet Clonazepam 0.25 mg Tablet Triazolam 0.125 mg Tablet	Limited to 360 units per 30 day floating period
Alprazolam 0.5 mg Tablet Bromazepam 3 mg Tablet Clonazepam 0.5 mg Tablet Diazepam 5 mg Tablet Lorazepam 0.5 mg Tablet Nitrazepam 5 mg Tablet Oxazepam 15 mg Tablet Triazolam 0.25 mg Tablet	Limited to 180 units per 30 day floating period
Alprazolam 1 mg Tablet Bromazepam 6 mg Tablet Clonazepam 1 mg Tablet Diazepam 10 mg Tablet Lorazepam 1 mg Tablet Nitrazepam 10 mg Tablet Oxazepam 30 mg Tablet	Limited to 90 units per 30 day floating period

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Molecule Strength/Form	Coverage Criteria
Alprazolam 2 mg Tablet Clonazepam 2 mg Tablet Lorazepam 2 mg Tablet	Limited to 45 units per 30 day floating period
Diazepam 1 mg Tablet	Limited to 900 units per 30 day floating period
Diazepam 2 mg Tablet	Limited to 450 units per 30 day floating period
Oxazepam 10 mg Tablet	Limited to 270 units per 30 day floating period
Oxazepam 15 mg Tablet	Limited to 120 units per 30 day floating period
Temazepam 30 mg Capsule	Limited to 60 units per 30 day floating period

When you have questions:

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