

Appendix F - Commonly Used Antihypertensive Drugs in BC (not all inclusive)

NAME	AVAILABLE DOSE	DRUG NAMES	PHARMACARE COVERAGE STATUS
Thiazide diuretic			
hydrochlorothiazide	12.5mg, 25mg, 50mg	Generic only	regular benefit LCA
indapamide	1.25mg, 2.5mg	Lozide® Generic available	limited coverage LCA
Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI)			
quinapril	5mg, 10mg, 20mg, 40mg	Accupril®	regular benefit RDP Reference Drug
ramipril	1.25mg, 2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg	Altace® Generic available	regular benefit LCA, RDP Reference Drug
captopril	6.25mg, 12.5mg, 25mg, 50mg, 100mg	Capoten® Generic available	regular benefit LCA, RDP Reference Drug
cilazapril	1mg, 2.5mg, 5.0mg	Inhibace® Generic available	regular benefit LCA, RDP Reference Drug
trandolapril	1mg, 2mg, 4mg	Mavik®	regular benefit RDP Reference Drug
enalapril	2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg, 20mg	Vasotec®	partial coverage RDP
lisinopril	5mg, 10mg, 20mg	Prinivil®, Zestril®	partial coverage RDP
perindopril	2mg, 4mg, 8mg	Coversyl® Generic available for 8mg only	partial coverage RDP LCA (8mg only)
Angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB)			
candesartan cilexetil	8mg, 16mg	Atacand®	limited coverage
irbesartan	75mg, 150mg, 300mg	Avapro®	limited coverage
losartan potassium	25mg, 50mg, 100mg	Cozaar®	limited coverage
valsartan	80mg, 160mg	Diovan®	limited coverage
Beta-blocker			
atenolol	25mg, 50mg, 100mg	Tenormin®	regular benefit LCA

metoprolol	25mg, 50mg, 100mg	Lopressor®, Betaloc® Generic available	regular benefit	LCA
propranolol	10mg, 20mg, 40mg, 80mg, 120mg	Generic only	regular benefit	LCA

Dihydropyridine calcium channel blocker (DHP-CCB)

felodipine	2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg	Renedij® Generic available	regular benefit	RDP Reference Drug
nifedipine	30mg, 60mg	Adalat® XL	regular benefit	RDP LCA
amlodipine	5mg, 10mg	Norvasc®	partial coverage	RDP

Non-dihydropyridine calcium channel blocker (non-DHP CCB)

diltiazem	30mg, 60mg, 180mg	Cardizem®, Tiazac® Generic available	Regular benefit	RDP
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Abbreviations: LCA: low cost alternative; RDP: reference drug program

REGULAR BENEFITS are covered 100% within drug price limits set by PharmaCare and are subject to the patient's PharmaCare plan rules and deductibles. Regular Benefits do not require Special Authority approval for coverage. Regular Benefits may receive full or partial coverage, depending on the place of the drug within the Low Cost Alternative (LCA) or Reference Drug Program (RDP).

RDP: When a number of products contain different active ingredients but are in the same therapeutic class, PharmaCare promotes the use of the most cost-effective treatment through the Reference Drug Program (RDP). If a drug is included in the RDP, then patients receive full coverage for the drug that is designated as the Reference Drug. Other drugs in the same RDP category are covered up to the price of the Reference Drug.

LCA: When multiple medications contain the same active ingredient, PharmaCare promotes the use of the most cost-effective treatment through the Low Cost Alternative (LCA) Program. If a drug is included in the LCA program, then patients receive full coverage based on the lowest average PharmaNet claimed price of those drugs with identical active ingredients.

LIMITED COVERAGE DRUGS are drugs not normally regarded as first-line therapies or are drugs for which a more cost-effective alternative exists. Limited Coverage drugs are PharmaCare benefits only for patients who meet certain Special Authority criteria. The criteria usually relate to their medical diagnosis and status, or to the outcome of previous treatments.

Please note that the listing status of a drug is subject to change. The PharmaCare Newsletter provides regular updates to formulary changes.