

Subject: Extended Renewal List for HBEC

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MESSAGE:

Effective August 1, 2019, the Health Benefits Exception Committee will be utilizing an updated Extended Renewal List (ERL) for all future HBEC requests. The ERL has not been updated for several years and will be reviewed annually for additions or removals of drug products.

- The ERL has been simplified to include the most commonly prescribed/requested drug products through the HBEC that do not require a regular review or renewal by the committee.
- All narcotics have been removed to facilitate regular review by the prescriber and client.
- Specific brand name drugs, supplements, natural health products or homeopathic products have been removed. However, these products may still be granted extended renewal as long as the active medicinal ingredient is found within the ERL.
- Approved HBEC requests that followed the previous ERL will still be honoured as long as the clients' health benefit coverage remains active, the client continues to present an active prescription to an Alberta pharmacy and that it has not been over one year since the requested drug was last dispensed.
- Exception requests that are found on the ERL may not be granted extended renewal. In this situation, the duration will be based on the duration requested by the prescriber or as elected by the HBEC.
- Communications to support workers and clients will remain the same, and will include the duration that the requested drug product is approved for.

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