

Category: BC Provincial Renal Agency (BCPRA)	
Title: BCPRA FORMULARY AND RENAL CARE RELATED SUPPLIES COVERAGE FOR BC RESIDENTS RECEIVING CHRONIC RENAL CARE IN ANOTHER PROVINCE WHILE RESIDING IN BC	
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1. BACKGROUND

The BCPRA provides extensive coverage to British Columbia residents with kidney disease for renal care related supplies as well as for medications listed on the BCPRA formulary. Infrequently, a resident of British Columbia with kidney disease will choose to receive their chronic renal care from a physician in another province of Canada. An example would be a BC resident who lives in BC near the border of Alberta and chooses to receive their renal care from a physician in Alberta due to convenience. In these circumstances, the patient is still eligible to receive coverage for renal related care typically reimbursed by the BCPRA such as peritoneal dialysis supplies and for medications listed on the BCPRA formulary. BCPRA wishes to extend coverage in such circumstances provided appropriate accountabilities are in place. In such circumstances, compliance with this policy will be required as a condition to receiving such coverage.

2. PURPOSE

To ensure current residents of BC with kidney disease receive equitable access and coverage to medications listed on the BCPRA Formulary as well as to other renal care related supplies covered by the BCPRA despite receiving their chronic renal care in another province of Canada.

This policy does not apply to patients who have permanently moved to or from another province.

3. ELIGIBILITY

A BC resident receiving chronic renal care in another province, must meet the following criteria to be eligible for coverage of the following through the BCPRA:

Formulary medications

- a. Have valid coverage under the BC Medical Services Plan;
- b. Have a primary nephrologist or a designated physician who is medically responsible for providing renal care for the patient in the province where the BC patient is receiving chronic renal care who is willing to provide demographic information, clinical information (e.g. consult notes) and an updated medication list to the BCPRA nephrologist (described below) initially and semi-annually.

Peritoneal dialysis supplies

In addition to meeting all requirements for formulary medication coverage, the following information must be provided to the BCPRA nephrologist and entered into the Patient Records and Outcomes Management Information System (PROMIS):

- c. Peritoneal dialysis catheter creation date and post creation status
- d. Peritoneal dialysis catheter options: created, buried, ready for flush, exit side
- e. Peritoneal dialysis catheter options: left, right, pre-sternal
- f. Peritoneal dialysis catheter type
- g. Physician who inserted catheter
- h. Hospital where catheter was inserted
- i. Date catheter first used for dialysis
- j. Peritoneal dialysis status
- k. Peritoneal dialysis start date
- l. Type of peritoneal dialysis (CAPD, CCPD, IPD)
- m. If switched from intermittent peritoneal dialysis, what date did patient switch and to which type of peritoneal dialysis

4. PROCEDURE

This policy and eligibility criteria for BCPRA renal care related supplies and formulary coverage must be formally communicated to the patient, or the patient's parent or guardian and the designated out of province physician using the letter attached as appendix A. The patient, or the patient's parent or guardian and physician must sign the letter acknowledging that they understand and accept the criteria and conditions for coverage.

The signed document will be uploaded and stored in the patient's PROMIS record.

BCPRA will designate a nephrologist in BC, typically a health authority medical director, who is willing to accept administrative responsibility for the patient in BC. Administrative responsibility of the BC nephrologist in this situation is strictly defined as ensuring the patient is registered in PROMIS and semi-annual updates from the out of province renal team are also uploaded into PROMIS. This responsibility does not involve providing medical supervision (such as medical care or follow up, prescribing medications, or monitoring lab work) unless their renal care is formally transferred to, accepted and documented by the BC nephrologist.

5. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all members of the BCPRA network including nephrologists, employees of each health authority renal program, and community pharmacy partners in addition to the renal program and health authority in the province where the BC resident is receiving chronic renal care.

Current medications listed on the BCPRA Formulary are available here:

<http://www.bcrenalagency.ca/healthcare-professionals/pharmacy-formulary/renal-formulary>

Current BCPRA partnered community pharmacies are available here:

<http://www.bcrenalagency.ca/healthcare-professionals/pharmacy-formulary/partnerships-community-pharmacies>

APPENDIX A: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Date:

RE: BCPRA formulary and supplies coverage for BC patients receiving renal care in another province.

The undersigned patient (“Patient”), a resident of British Columbia (BC), wishes to receive his or her chronic renal care from a physician in another province of Canada (the “Physician”), while still residing in BC, without jeopardizing his or her eligibility to receive coverage for renal care related supplies or for medications listed on the BC Provincial Renal Agency (BCPRA) formulary.

The Physician and the Patient or the patient’s parent or guardian, by signing below, acknowledge that they have read and understood the policy titled “BCPRA FORMULARY AND RENAL CARE RELATED SUPPLIES COVERAGE FOR BC RESIDENTS RECEIVING CHRONIC RENAL CARE IN ANOTHER PROVINCE WHILE RESIDING IN BC” and confirm as follows:

1. The BC nephrologist designated by BCPRA will have administrative responsibility in respect of the Patient only.

Administrative responsibility of the BC nephrologist in this situation is strictly defined as ensuring the patient is registered in PROMIS and semi-annual updates from the out of province renal team are also uploaded into PROMIS. This responsibility does not involve providing medical supervision (such as medical care or follow up, prescribing medications, or monitoring lab work) unless their renal care is formally transferred to, accepted and documented by the BC nephrologist.
2. The Physician is understood to be medically responsible for providing renal care for the Patient.
3. The Physician is willing to provide demographic information, clinical information (e.g. consult notes) and an updated medication list to the BC nephrologist initially and semi-annually.
4. The Patient, or the patient’s parent or guardian must fill prescriptions prescribed by the Physician that are eligible for BCPRA coverage from the appropriate BCPRA-partnered community pharmacy.
5. The Patient, or the patient’s parent or guardian must order peritoneal dialysis supplies eligible for BCPRA coverage from Baxter.

(Patient’s name)

(Patient, or parent or guardian’s signature)

(Date of Signature)

(Physician’s signature)

(Date of Signature)

Name of BC nephrologist

Contact of BC nephrologist