

Drug Shortages: Medroxyprogesterone Acetate 150mg/mL Injection (Depo-Provera®)

The Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) is aware of the Tier 3 shortage of medroxyprogesterone acetate injection (Depo-Provera®).

Health Canada has approved the importation of a limited supply of Pfizer's US-labelled medroxyprogesterone acetate (Depo-Provera® CI) 150mg/mL pre-filled syringes for injection to help alleviate the current shortage of this product. The US-labelled product is used in a comparable way to the approved Canadian product (i.e., have the same active ingredient and are identical in concentration as the current products approved by Health Canada).

Effective July 1, 2021, Pfizer US-labelled medroxyprogesterone acetate (Depo-Provera® CI) 150mg/mL pre-filled syringes for injection will be listed temporarily as a **full Formulary benefit and non-interchangeable** with the currently listed product on the Saskatchewan Formulary.

Pseudo DIN	Product
09858134	US-labelled medroxyprogesterone acetate (Depo-Provera® CI) 150mg/mL pre-filled syringes

For more information, please refer to the following link:

https://medsask.usask.ca/documents/drug-shortages-pdfs/depo-provera_usa-labelled-product.pdf

What will individuals pay for Pfizer's US-labelled medroxyprogesterone acetate (Depo-Provera® CI) 150mg/mL pre-filled syringes for injection?

Individuals will pay according to their coverage, deductible and/or copayment.

Can I dispense Pfizer's US-labelled medroxyprogesterone acetate (Depo-Provera® CI) 150mg/mL pre-filled syringes for injection instead of the existing products listed on the Formulary?

Pharmacies should continue to dispense the approved Health Canada product (i.e., DIN 00585092) listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary if it is available. However, if the Canadian product is not available, Health Canada has temporarily approved Pfizer's US-labelled medroxyprogesterone acetate (Depo-Provera® CI) 150mg/mL pre-filled syringes for injection for sale in Canada.

If the prescription authorizes the dispensing of a particular strength and dosage of medroxyprogesterone acetate without specifying a specific brand or product name, then a pharmacist may dispense the US-labelled medroxyprogesterone acetate (Depo-Provera CI) 150mg/mL pre-filled syringes.

If the prescription directs the dispensing of Depo Provera[®], a new prescription would be required in order to dispense the US-labelled medroxyprogesterone acetate (Depo-Provera CI) 150mg/mL pre-filled syringes.

If you have any questions or issues with submitting claims for adjudication, call DPEBB at 306-787-3317 (Regina) or 1-800-667-7581.

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