

Drug Review

Recently Introduced Products

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Drug Name	Indication	Potential Plan Impact
Actonel plus calcium combo kit	Treatment of osteoporosis	\$
Trusopt preservative-free ophthalmic solution	Treatment of glaucoma or ocular hypertension	\$
Zemplar IV	Treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism in chronic renal failure	\$\$

\$ Little increase estimated in drug plan expenditure
\$\$ Drug plan expenditure estimated to be somewhat increased
\$\$\$ Potential for large increase in drug plan expenditure

Avandaryl® – A new combination pill for diabetics

Avandaryl® is a combination of Avandia® and Amaryl® and is indicated for patients with Type II diabetes who cannot tolerate metformin. Avandia® and Amaryl® are used to control blood sugar with different mechanisms of action. Avandia® reduces insulin resistance and Amaryl® increases insulin production. When used in combination, they can provide improved results.

Avandaryl® is taken once daily with a meal. It costs \$2.78 per day and one dispensing fee. The cost of taking both Avandia® and Amaryl® as separate tablets is about \$4.00 per day and two dispensing fees. Currently, Avandia® and Amaryl® are fully covered under ClaimSecure drug plans. Since Avandaryl® is lower in cost and equally effective as taking both drugs in combination, Avandaryl® will be fully covered under all ClaimSecure drug programs, including the Managed Formulary Plans.

If you require additional information about Avandaryl®, please contact Shellina Sevany in ClaimSecure's Clinical Services Department at (905) 949-3025 or 1-888-479-7587 ext.3025.

Recommendation: Full Coverage

ClaimSecure reserves the right to amend in part or in its entirety stated special authorization clinical guidelines

Update on RAMQ

As of July 1, 2006, the maximum monthly co-payment for insured persons under RAMQ has increased from 28.5% to 29%. In addition, the annual out-of-pocket maximum per insured person has increased from \$857 to \$881. ClaimSecure has implemented these changes effective July 1, 2006 for all clients with members in Quebec who may be affected. ClaimSecure will continue to monitor any further changes on behalf of our clients.

