



Maximum Day Supply for British Columbia Transplant (BCT) Prescriptions October 2017

To align BC Transplant's maximum day supply of medication coverage with other government agencies such as BC Pharmacare, BC Cancer Agency, and third party insurance companies like Pacific Blue Cross, BC Transplant funds the usual 100 day (three months) supply of BCT formulary medications. However, for patients who are clinically stable from a transplant perspective, a 4 month supply may be dispensed at the discretion of the pharmacist.

For prescriptions written for greater than a four month supply, the following options are available for the patients to receive the remainder of their prescription:

1. The patient returns to their transplant pharmacy in 4 months to pick up the remainder of prescription. The patient/parent/caregiver needs to contact the pharmacy 1-2 weeks before requiring the refill.
2. If they are unable to pick up their prescriptions from a BC Transplant pharmacy, the patient/parent/caregiver will need to arrange for delivery at their own expense. They would need to call their transplant pharmacy 1-2 weeks before requiring the refill to make these delivery arrangements.
3. The patient can be offered the option to pay for the remaining 2 months of medications (BC Transplant only covering the first 4 month supply).

In consultation with the Ministry of Health's Audits and Investigations Branch, patients should be reminded that their BC Medical coverage and associated medication coverage (eg transplant medications) is based on BC residency which requires patients to be physically in BC for greater than 6 months* per calendar year, not based the payments of BC MSP Premiums. Click [here](#) for more information.

A person must be a B.C. resident to qualify for medical coverage under MSP. A resident is a person who meets all of the following conditions:

- *must be a citizen of Canada or be lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence;*
- *must make his or her home in B.C.; and*
- *must be physically present in B.C. at least six months in a calendar year, or a shorter prescribed period.**

** Eligible B.C. residents (citizens of Canada or persons who are lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence) who are outside B.C. for vacation purposes only, are allowed a total absence of up to seven months in a calendar year.*