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## CLAIM SUBMISSION QUANTITY REMINDER

Please find below a list of drugs for which claim submission quantities have been frequently incorrect. This list also includes newer agents added to the NBPDP formulary. Using the correct units of measure as specified below will ensure your cost per unit is accurate and claims are adjudicated properly.

A complete list of claim submission quantities for all drug formulations, along with separate tables for injectables and exceptions (including DINs) is attached. This list is also accessible on the NBPDP web page: [www.gnb.ca/0051/0212/index-e.asp](http://www.gnb.ca/0051/0212/index-e.asp)

| Drug   | UNIT OF MEASURE |
|--|-----------------|
| Adalimumab (Humira <sup>®</sup> )                                  | per mL*         |
| Dalteparin sodium (Fragmin <sup>®</sup> )                          | per mL*         |
| Darbepoetin alfa (Aranesp <sup>®</sup> )                           | per mL*         |
| Enoxaparin sodium (Lovenox <sup>®</sup> ; Lovenox <sup>®</sup> HP) | per mL*         |
| Epoetin alpha (Eprex <sup>®</sup> )                                | per mL*         |
| Etanercept (Enbrel <sup>®</sup> ) vial                             | per kit         |
| Etanercept (Enbrel <sup>®</sup> ) prefilled syringe                | per mL*         |
| Etidronate disodium+calcium carbonate (Didrocal <sup>®</sup> )     | per kit         |
| Filgrastim (Neupogen <sup>®</sup> )                                | per mL*         |
| Imiquimod (Aldara <sup>®</sup> )                                   | per packet      |
| Infliximab (Remicade <sup>®</sup> )                                | per vial        |
| Nadroparin calcium (Fraxiparin <sup>®</sup> Forte)                 | per mL*         |
| Pegfilgrastim (Neulasta <sup>®</sup> )                             | per mL*         |
| Tinzaparin sodium (Innohep <sup>®</sup> )                          | per mL*         |

\* enter mL fractions if applicable (i.e. Aranesp - 1.2 mL; Eprex - 0.5 mL; Neulasta - 0.6 mL)

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**CLAIM QUANTITY SUBMISSION STANDARDS**  
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Table 1 below lists the general units of measure to be used when submitting NBPDP claims.

**TABLE 1**

| FORMULATION <sup>a</sup>             | UNIT OF MEASURE |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Aerosol                              | per dose        |
| Capsule                              | per capsule     |
| Cream                                | per gram        |
| Dry powder inhaler                   | per dose        |
| Enema                                | per mL          |
| Gel                                  | per gram        |
| Injectable liquid                    | per mL          |
| Injectable powder for reconstitution | per vial        |
| Insulin                              | per mL          |
| Liquid                               | per mL          |
| Metered dose inhaler                 | per dose        |
| Nasal spray                          | per dose        |
| Nebule                               | per mL          |
| Ointment                             | per gram        |
| Oral contraceptive                   | per tablet      |
| Patch                                | per patch       |
| Prefilled syringe                    | per mL          |
| Powder                               | per gram        |
| Suppository                          | per suppository |
| Tablet                               | per tablet      |
| Package or kit of more than 1 drug   | per package/kit |

<sup>a</sup> See Tables 2 and 3 for complete drug lists of injectables, and exceptions

**TABLE 2**

| <b>INJECTABLES</b>                                | <b>DIN</b>  | <b>UNIT OF MEASURE</b> |
|---|---|------------------------|
| Abatacept (Orencia™)                              | 2282097   | per vial               |
| Adalimumab (Humira®)                              | 2258595   | per mL                 |
| Acyclovir sodium                                  | 2236926<br>2236916  | per mL                 |
| Alglucosidase alfa (Myozyme®)                     | 2284863   | per vial               |
| Allergy sera                                      | 999938  | per mL                 |
| Amphotericin B (Fungizone®)                       | 29149   | per vial               |
| Ampicillin  | 1933345<br>872652   | per vial               |
| Azithromycin (Zithromax™)                         | 2239952   | per vial               |
| Benzotropine mesylate                             | 2238903   | per mL                 |
| Botulinum toxin type A (Botox®)                   | 1981501   | per vial               |
| Buserelin acetate (Suprefact® Depot)              | 2228955<br>2240749  | per kit                |
| Calcitonin salmon synthetic (Calcimar®; Caltine®) | 1926691<br>2007134  | per mL                 |
| Cefazolin sodium                                  | 2308932<br>2308959<br>2108119<br>2108127  | per vial               |
| Cefepime hydrochloride (Maxipime™)                | 2163632<br>2163640  | per vial               |
| Cefotaxime sodium (Claforan®)                     | 2225085<br>2225093<br>2225107   | per vial               |
| Ceftazidime Pentahydrate (Fortaz®)                | 886971<br>886955<br>2212196<br>2212218<br>2212226                                 | per vial               |
| Ceftriaxone Disodium (Rocephin®)                  | 2292882<br>2292866<br>2292874<br>657409<br>657387<br>657417<br>2292289<br>2292270 | per vial               |
| Cefuroxime Sodium (Zinacef®)                      | 2241639<br>2241638<br>2213540<br>2213532  | per vial               |
| Ciprofloxacin (Cipro® IV)                         | 2237334<br>2204398  | per mL                 |
| Clindamycin phosphate (Dalacin® C)                | 260436<br>2230535<br>2230540  | per mL                 |

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| Cloxacillin Sodium   | 1912429<br>1975447<br>1912410   | per vial |
| Codeine phosphate  | 544884  | per mL   |
| Cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B12)                                       | 521515<br>1987003   | per mL   |
| Dalteparin sodium (Fragmin <sup>®</sup> )                          | 2132648<br>2231171  | per mL   |
| Darbepoetin alpha (Aranesp <sup>®</sup> )                          | 2246354<br>2246355<br>2246357<br>2246358<br>2246360   | per mL   |
| Deferoxamine mesylate (Desferal <sup>®</sup> )                     | 2243450<br>1981250<br>2247022<br>1981242<br>2241600<br>2242055                                  | per vial |
| Desmopressin Acetate (DDAVP <sup>®</sup> Injection)                | 873993  | per mL   |
| Dexamethasone phosphate disodium                                   | 1977547<br>664227   | per mL   |
| Diazepam   | 399728  | per mL   |
| Dihydroergotamine mesylate   | 27243<br>2241163  | per mL   |
| Dimenhydrinate (Gravol <sup>®</sup> )                              | 392537<br>13579   | per mL   |
| Enoxaparin sodium (Lovenox <sup>®</sup> ; Lovenox <sup>®</sup> HP) | 2242692<br>2236564<br>2242692<br>2236883<br>2012472<br>2236564                                  | per mL   |
| Epinephrine (Twinject <sup>™</sup> )                               | 2268205<br>2247310  | per kit  |
| Epinephrine (EpiPen <sup>®</sup> ; EpiPen <sup>®</sup> Jr)         | 509558<br>578657  | per kit  |
| Epinephrine hydrochloride  | 155357  | per mL   |
| Epoetin alfa (Eprex <sup>®</sup> )                                 | 2206072<br>2243403<br>2231584<br>2231586<br>2231587<br>2231585<br>2231583<br>2243401<br>2240722 | per mL   |
| Epoprostenol (Flolan <sup>®</sup> )                                | 2230845<br>2230848  | per vial |
| Estradiol valerate (Delestrogen <sup>®</sup> )                     | 29238   | per mL   |
| Etanercept (Enbrel <sup>®</sup> ) vial                             | 2242903   | per kit  |

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| Etanercept (Enbrel <sup>®</sup> ) prefilled syringe  | 2274728  | per mL   |
| Filgrastim (Neupogen <sup>®</sup> )  | 1968017<br>999001  | per mL   |
| Fluconazole (Diflucan <sup>™</sup> )   | 891835<br>2247922<br>2247749   | per mL   |
| Flupentixol decanoate (Fluanxol <sup>®</sup> Depot)  | 2156032<br>2156040<br>2242363<br>2242364   | per mL   |
| Fluphenazine decanoate (Modecate <sup>®</sup> Concentrate)   | 2239636<br>2242570<br>755575<br>2091275<br>2241928                                 | per mL   |
| Furosemide   | 527033   | per mL   |
| Ganciclovir sodium (Cytovene <sup>®</sup> )  | 2162695  | per vial |
| Gentamicin sulphate  | 2242652  | per mL   |
| Glatiramer acetate (Copaxone <sup>®</sup> )  | 2245619  | per mL   |
| Glucagon, RDNA (Glucagon Injection)  | 2243297  | per kit  |
| Glycopyrrolate   | 2039508  | per mL   |
| Goserelin acetate (Zoladex <sup>®</sup> ; Zoladex <sup>®</sup> LA)   | 2049325<br>2225905   | per mL   |
| Haloperidol  | 808652   | per mL   |
| Haloperidol decanoate  | 2239639<br>2239640<br>2242361<br>2242362<br>2130297<br>2130300                     | per mL   |
| Heparin sodium (Hepalean <sup>®</sup> ; Hepalean <sup>®</sup> -Lok)  | 740497<br>740578<br>727520<br>579718   | per mL   |
| Hydrocortisone sodium succinate (Solu-Cortef <sup>®</sup> )  | 30600  | per vial |
| Hydromorphone hydrochloride (Dilaudid <sup>®</sup> Sterile Powder)   | 2085895  | per vial |
| Hydromorphone hydrochloride (Dilaudid <sup>®</sup> ; Dilaudid HP <sup>®</sup> ; Dilaudid HP Plus <sup>®</sup> ; Dilaudid XP <sup>®</sup> ) | 627100<br>622133<br>2146118<br>2145863<br>2145901<br>2145928<br>2145936<br>2146126 | per mL   |
| Hyoscine butylbromide (Buscopan <sup>®</sup> )   | 2229868<br>363839  | per mL   |
| Hyoscine hydrobromide (Scopolamine hydrobromide)   | 541869<br>541877   | per mL   |
| Imipenem monohydrate/Cilastatin Sodium (Primaxin <sup>®</sup> )  | 717274<br>717282   | per vial |

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| Immune serum globulin (Sandoglobulin <sup>®</sup> NFLiquid)  | 609099  | per mL                   |
| Infliximab (Remicade <sup>®</sup> )  | 2244016   | per vial                 |
| Insulin aspart (NovoRapid <sup>®</sup> )   | 2244353<br>2245397  | per mL                   |
| Insulin human biosynthetic/insulin isophane human biosynthetic (Humulin <sup>®</sup> 30/70; Novolin <sup>®</sup> GE 10/90; Novolin <sup>®</sup> GE 20/80; Novolin <sup>®</sup> GE 30/70; Novolin <sup>®</sup> GE 40/60; Novolin <sup>®</sup> GE 50/50) | 795879<br>1959212<br>2024292<br>2024306<br>2024217<br>2025248<br>2024314<br>2024322 | per mL                   |
| Insulin lispro (Humalog <sup>®</sup> )   | 2229704<br>2229705  | per mL                   |
| Insulin isophane human biosynthetic (Humulin <sup>®</sup> N; Novolin <sup>®</sup> GE NPH)  | 587737<br>1959239<br>2024225<br>2024268   | per mL                   |
| Insulin zinc human biosynthetic (Humulin <sup>®</sup> R; Novolin <sup>®</sup> GE Toronto)  | 586714<br>1959220<br>2024233<br>2024284   | per mL                   |
| Interferon alfa-2b (Intron A <sup>®</sup> )  | 2240693<br>2240694<br>2240695<br>2223406<br>2238674<br>2238675                      | per kit                  |
| Interferon beta-1a (Avonex <sup>®</sup> )  | 2237770   | quantity of 4 (in a kit) |
| Interferon beta-1a (Betaseron <sup>®</sup> )   | 2169649   | per vial                 |
| Interferon beta-1a (Rebif <sup>®</sup> ) initiation pack   | 2281708   | per pack                 |
| Interferon beta-1a (Avonex <sup>®</sup> PS; Rebif <sup>®</sup> )   | 2269201<br>2237319<br>2237320   | per mL                   |
| Iron dextran complex (DexIron <sup>™</sup> ; Infufer <sup>®</sup> )  | 2205963<br>2221780  | per mL                   |
| Ketorolac tromethamine (Toradol <sup>®</sup> IM)   | 2162644<br>2162652  | per mL                   |
| Leuprolide acetate (Eligard <sup>®</sup> )   | 2248239<br>2248240<br>2248999<br>2268892  | per kit                  |
| Leuprolide acetate (Lupron <sup>®</sup> )  | 727695  | per mL                   |
| Leuprolide acetate (Lupron Depot <sup>®</sup> )  | 2239833<br>836273<br>2230248  | per vial                 |
| Lorazepam  | 2243278   | per mL                   |
| Medroxyprogesterone acetate (Depo-Provera <sup>®</sup> )   | 30848<br>585092   | per mL                   |

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| Meropenem (Merrem®)                                | 2218488<br>2218496  | per vial |
| Methotrexate sodium                                | 2182947<br>2099705<br>2182955<br>2182777  | per mL   |
| Methotrimeprazine maleate (Nozinan® Injectable)    | 1927698   | per mL   |
| Methylprednisolone sodium succinate (Solu-Medrol™) | 2063697<br>2063700<br>2063727   | per vial |
| Metoclopramide hydrochloride                       | 2185431   | per mL   |
| Metronidazole                                      | 649074<br>870420  | per mL   |
| Midazolam  | 2240285<br>2240286  | per mL   |
| Morphine sulfate                                   | 676411<br>617288<br>850322<br>850330<br>392588<br>392561                          | per mL   |
| Moxifloxacin (Avelox® IV)                          | 2246414   | per mL   |
| Nadroparin calcium (Fraxiparin® Forte)             | 2240114   | per mL   |
| Nandrolone decanoate (Deca-Durabolin®)             | 270687  | per mL   |
| Octreotide acetate (Sandostatin®)                  | 2248639<br>2248640<br>2248642<br>2248641<br>839191<br>839205<br>839213<br>2049392 | per mL   |
| Octreotide acetate (Sandostatin® LAR®)             | 2239323<br>2239324<br>2239325   | per vial |
| Ondansetron hydrochloride dehydrate (Zofran®)      | 2213745<br>2265524<br>2265532   | per mL   |
| Pegfilgrastim (Neulasta®)                          | 2249790   | per mL   |
| Peginterferon alfa-2a + Ribavirin (Pegasys RBV®)   | 2253410<br>2253429  | per kit  |

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| Peginterferon alfa-2b + Ribavirin (Pegetron <sup>®</sup> )            | 2246026<br>2246027<br>2246028<br>2246029<br>2246030            | per kit  |
| Peginterferon Alfa-2b + Ribavirin (Pegetron Redipen <sup>®</sup> )    | 2254573<br>2254603<br>2254646<br>2254581<br>2254638            | per kit  |
| Penicillin G sodium   | 1930672<br>883751<br>1930680                                   | per vial |
| Pentamidine isethionate   | 2183080  | per vial |
| Phenytoin sodium  | 780626   | per mL   |
| Piperacilin sodium  | 2246640<br>2246641<br>2246642                                  | per vial |
| Pipotiazine palmitate (Piportil L4 <sup>®</sup> )                     | 1926675<br>1926667   | per mL   |
| Pyridoxine hydrochloride  | 463469   | per mL   |
| Ranitidine hydrochloride (Zantac <sup>®</sup> )                       | 2212366  | per mL   |
| Risperidone (Risperdal <sup>®</sup> Consta <sup>®</sup> )             | 2255707<br>2255723<br>2255758                                  | per vial |
| Rituximab (Rituxan <sup>®</sup> )                                     | 2241927  | per mL   |
| Sodium aurothiomalate   | 1927612<br>1927620<br>1927604<br>2245456<br>2245457<br>2245458 | per mL   |
| Somatropin (Humatrope <sup>®</sup> )                                  | 745626<br>2243077<br>2243078<br>2243079                        | per kit  |
| Somatropin (Nutropin <sup>®</sup> ; Saizen)                           | 2216183<br>2216191<br>2237971<br>2215136<br>2272083            | per vial |
| Somatropin (Nutropin AQ <sup>®</sup> ; Nutropin AQ Pen <sup>®</sup> ) | 2229722<br>2249002   | per mL   |

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| Sumatriptan (Imitrex <sup>®</sup> Injection)       | 2212188                                  | per mL   |
| Testosterone cypionate (Depo-Testosterone)         | 30783                                    | per mL   |
| Testosterone enanthate (Delatestryl <sup>®</sup> ) | 29246                                    | per mL   |
| Thyrotropin alpha (Thyrogen <sup>®</sup> )         | 2246016                                  | per vial |
| Ticarcillin disodium (Timentin <sup>®</sup> )      | 1916939                                  | per vial |
| Tinzaparin sodium (Innohep <sup>®</sup> )          | 2167840<br>2229515<br>2231478<br>2229755 | per mL   |
| Tobramycin sulfate                                 | 2230640<br>2241210                       | per mL   |
| Triptorelin pamoate (Trelstar <sup>™</sup> )       | 2240000<br>2243856                       | per vial |
| Vancomycin hydrochloride                           | 2241820<br>2241821<br>2139375<br>2139383 | per vial |
| Zidovudine (Retrovir <sup>®</sup> )                | 1902644                                  | per mL   |
| Zoledronic Acid (Aclasta <sup>®</sup> )            | 2269198                                  | per mL   |

**TABLE 3**

| <b>EXCEPTIONS</b>  | <b>DIN</b>                       | <b>UNIT OF MEASURE</b>   |
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| Budesonide (Entocort <sup>®</sup> ) enema                          | 2052431                          | quantity of 7 (in a kit) |
| Enfuvirtide (Fuzeon <sup>®</sup> )                                 | 2247725                          | per kit                  |
| Etidronate Disodium+Calcium Carbonate (Didrocal <sup>®</sup> )     | 2176017                          | per kit                  |
| Lansoprazole + Amoxicillin + Clarithromycin (HP-Pac <sup>®</sup> ) | 2238525                          | per kit                  |
| Imiquimod (Aldara <sup>®</sup> ) Cream                             | 2239505                          | per packet               |
| Methadone powder in compounded preparations                        | 999734**<br>999801**<br>999802** | per mg                   |
| Miconazole nitrate (Monistat 3 <sup>®</sup> Dual Pak)              | 2126249                          | per package              |

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