

Confirmation of Pharmacare Special Authority

Clients prescribed drugs that require BC Pharmacare Special Authority know when the Special Authority has been granted because their pharmacy or physician tells them the moment approval has been received.

The requirement of confirmation of Pharmacare Special Authority approval was created by extended medical insurers such as Pacific Blue Cross and others as a cynical make-work project to delay approval of benefits. For BCDiabetes clients this applies to drugs including insulins such as insulin glargine (Basaglar) & insulin detemir (Levemir), the GLP-1 inhibitor semaglutide (Ozempic), DPP-4 inhibitors linagliptin (Trajenta) and saxagliptin (Onglyza) and SGLT-2 inhibitor empagliflozin (Jardiance).

If insulin glargine and if Pacific Blue Cross causing the problem patient should call Pacific Blue Cross & say the following “there is Assumed Special Authority for Basaglar (insulin glargine) as prescribed by Dr. Tom Elliott, Endocrinologist, MSP # 06526”.

If DPP-4 inhibitors (linagliptin, saxagliptin), empagliflozin (Jardiance) & semaglutide (Ozempic), patient should ask the doctor who obtained the Special Authority for a copy of the confirmation of coverage. If not available, the patient should call Health Insurance BC 1 800 663-7100 and ask for a copy of Special Authority confirmation.