

***Updated* – Notice from the Executive Officer: Reimbursement and Claims Submission using the Health Network System relating to Drugs for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)**

Effective October 1, 2026

This is an update and replaces the Executive Officer notice dated April 1, 2022.

This update includes:

- Removal of the hydromorphone/morphine protocol for oral self-administration, and
- Updated contents description and reimbursement amount for the secobarbital oral self-administration MAID kit.

Overview

This notice provides information to pharmacies and dispensing physicians¹ regarding reimbursement and claim submissions for drugs used for MAID.

Ontario is committed to providing quality, compassionate care through the varying stages of the end of life. This includes publicly funding drugs used for MAID when provided in accordance with federal law.

Pharmacists and dispensing physicians must be familiar with the policies provided by their respective professional colleges. The colleges' policies can be found on the following websites:

- Ontario College of Pharmacists:
ocpinfo.com/pharmacy-professionals/rules-and-standards-of-the-profession/practice-policies-guidelines/medical-assistance-in-dying-maid
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario:
www.cpso.on.ca/www.cpso.on.ca/physicians/policies-guidance/policies/medical-assistance-in-dying

¹ The term “dispensing physician” in this EO notice and the accompanying Questions and Answers document refers to a physician who has a valid Health Network System (HNS) Subscription Agreement with the ministry and is connected to the HNS.

For more information on MAID, please see the following ministry websites:

- [Medical assistance in dying and end-of-life decisions](#)
- [Medical assistance in dying and end-of-life decisions support for medical professionals](#) or email at endooflifedecisions@ontario.ca.

Compliance

This notice and the accompanying Questions and Answers document constitute a ministry policy that pharmacy operators and dispensing physicians must comply with when submitting claims to the EO of Ontario public drug programs (EO) for dispensing drugs used in MAID. Compliance with the ministry policy is required under section 3.2 of the Health Network System (HNS) Subscription Agreement for Pharmacy Operators and Dispensing Physicians (“HNS Agreement”).

Patient Eligibility

Federal legislation governs the provision of MAID. Providers are encouraged to contact their respective regulatory college for more information and guidance about who is eligible to receive MAID.

Individuals in Ontario who are insured persons under the *Health Insurance Act* and able to receive MAID under federal law are eligible to receive publicly funded drugs for MAID (“eligible persons”).

The EO of the Ontario public drug programs pays eligible participating pharmacies and dispensing physicians for supplying kits with MAID drugs at no cost to eligible persons outside of hospitals. The EO does not pay pharmacies and dispensing physicians for MAID kits for the purpose of administering MAID in a hospital. The EO pays for eligible claims from pharmacies and dispensing physicians for eligible persons, regardless of whether they qualify for the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program.

Procedures for Dispensing and Billing

Pharmacists and dispensing physicians must ensure that the eligible person’s correct date of birth, Ontario Health number and name (as it appears on the Ontario Health Card) are entered accurately as part of the HNS claims submission, as applicable. Failure to do so especially for non-ODB eligible persons may impact the ability to submit future claims for these individuals.

Pharmacies and dispensing physicians will purchase drug(s) to assemble the MAID kits in accordance with **Table 1** below.

The date of service indicated in the claim submission to the Health Network System (HNS) must accurately reflect the date that the service was provided to the eligible person. Claims

submitted with a date of service after the eligible person's recorded date of death are ineligible for reimbursement.

Documentation Requirements for MAID drugs

Standard documentation requirements for prescriptions apply. Pharmacists and dispensing physicians shall keep records consistent with their obligations under applicable law, including the *Pharmacy Act, 1991*, the *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act*, the *Narcotics Safety and Awareness Act, 2010*, the *Medicine Act, 1991*, their HNS Agreement, and any instructions provided by the Ontario College of Pharmacists, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario or the ministry.

For billing purposes, documentation must be maintained in a readily available format for the purpose of ministry inspection for a period of at least 10 years from the last recorded pharmacy service provided to the eligible person, or 10 years after the day on which the eligible person reached or would have reached the age of 18 years, whichever is longer. Dispensing by a dispensing physician is considered a pharmacy service.

Funded MAID Drug Protocols

Pharmacists and dispensing physicians should work with prescribers and eligible persons to determine the appropriate MAID drug regimen for individual cases.

Billing Procedure for MAID drugs

Drugs for MAID provided to eligible persons (based on the regimen prescribed) will be reimbursed by the ministry. The product identification numbers (PINs) are used for both ODB-eligible and non-ODB eligible persons for the purposes of billing the overall costs of the kits (drug products, mark-up, dispensing fees and supplies) in Ontario.

Claims must be submitted using the ministry-assigned PIN associated with the appropriate MAID kit dispensed in Table 1. Do not use the Drug Identification Numbers (DINs) of the products in each MAID kit.

No manual paper claims will be accepted unless 3 intervention codes are required in order to process the claim. For billing details see below.

Table 1: PINs to support reimbursement of MAID kits

PIN	Description	Contents in MAID Kit*	Maximum Amount Reimbursed
93877101	MAID intravenous (IV) Kit with Supplies	• Midazolam 1mg/mL • Lidocaine 2% (without epinephrine) OR Magnesium Sulfate 500mg/mL • Propofol 10mg/mL • Cisatracurium Besylate 2mg/mL OR Rocuronium Bromide 10mg/mL • Sodium Chloride (NaCl 0.9%) • Syringes and tubes	\$325.00
93877102	MAID IV Kit (backup) with Supplies	Same as above	\$325.00
93877103	MAID IV Kit with Phenobarbital and Supplies	• Midazolam 1mg/mL • Lidocaine 2% (without epinephrine) OR Magnesium Sulfate 500mg/mL • Propofol 10mg/mL • Phenobarbital 120mg/mL • Cisatracurium Besylate 2mg/mL OR Rocuronium Bromide 10mg/mL • Sodium Chloride (NaCl 0.9%) • Syringes and tubes	\$999.00
93877104	MAID IV Kit (backup) with Phenobarbital and Supplies	Same as above	\$999.00
93877110	MAID Self-Administration Kit (Secobarbital)	• Secobarbital 15 g (compounded mixture) • Metoclopramide 10 mg • Dexamethasone 8 mg • Ondansetron 8 mg	\$967.00

* Dispensers need to ensure that they select the appropriate quantities, package sizes, and brand of the product from the applicable guidelines and protocols.

Note that for MAID kits, it is best practice for a primary kit and a back-up kit to be dispensed at the same time for a patient.

- For MAID intravenous (IV) kits, the back-up kit will have the same drugs as the primary kit. For example, primary is PIN 93877101 and the backup is PIN 93877102.
- For MAID oral self-Administered kit, the MAID IV (backup) kit may be used (i.e., PIN 93877102).

Unused drugs are to be returned to the pharmacy for appropriate disposal.

For ODB-eligible persons

The claim submission follows the normal process for submitting claims on the HNS with the following additional information:

- Intervention code 'PS': (Professional Care Services)
- Product Identification Number (PIN): see **Table 1** above for list of PINs
- Valid Pharmacist ID
- Professional Fee: Up to the Maximum Amount Reimbursed

Note: The Maximum Amount Reimbursed listed in **Table 1** refers to the maximum amount for that MAID kit. Where appropriate, a lower total amount must be claimed in situations where a prescription does not require one (or more) of the drugs or components in a kit. The current policy is the lower amount claimed using the acquisition cost of the drugs in each kit. To clarify, this low acquisition cost also includes an 8% mark-up, and \$13.25 dispensing fee.

For Non-ODB eligible persons

When submitting a claim for an eligible person who does not have ODB coverage, pharmacists and dispensing physicians must submit the following information:

- Patient Gender: 'F' = female; 'M' = male; 'U' = unknown
- Patient Date of Birth: Valid YYYYMMDD
- Patient's Ontario Health number
- Intervention codes:
 - PS: Professional Care Services
 - ML: Established eligibility coverage (i.e., 1 day of the Plan 'S' coverage)

Note: Claims for phenobarbital containing MAID IV kits (i.e., PIN 93877103, PIN 93877104), and oral self-administered MAID kit (PIN 93877110) may be submitted by manual (paper) claims:

- PS: Professional Care Services
- ML: Established eligibility coverage (i.e., 1 day of the Plan 'S' coverage)
- MO: Valid Claim – value \$967.00 to \$999.00
- Carrier ID: 'S'
- Product Identification Number (PIN): see **Table 1** above for list of PINs
- Valid Pharmacist ID
- Professional Fee: Up to the Maximum Amount Reimbursed.

Note: The Maximum Amount Reimbursed listed in **Table 1** refers to the maximum amount for that MAID kit. Where appropriate, a lower total amount must be claimed in situations where a prescription does not require one (or more) of the drugs or components in the kit. The lower amount claimed is the acquisition cost of the drugs, an 8% mark-up, and \$13.25 dispensing fee.

Additional Information:

For pharmacy billing:

Please email PublicDrugPrgrms.moh@ontario.ca or call ODB Pharmacy Help Desk at: 1-800-668-6641

For all other Health Care Providers and the Public:

Please call ServiceOntario, Infoline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY 1-800-387-5559. In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282.