

Date: Tuesday 9th June, 2020



Dear Pharmacist or Consultant Pharmacist,

Re: Changes to Truvada PBS listing

Truvada® (emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) is no longer available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) from 1 April, 2020. However, other brands are still available on the PBS.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia advises any patients presenting with prescriptions for Truvada® to discuss with their treating doctor to ensure they transition to an alternative therapy. It may also be worth informing the prescriber as they may not be aware of this change. We are aware that some prescribing software may not have yet been updated, allowing the prescriber to still choose the delisted product. If brand substitution is permitted and the **correct streamlined authority code (7580)** is included by the prescriber, ***please consider supplying a generic equivalent.***

Pharmaceutical benefits having any of **the following forms are equivalent for the purposes of substitution:**

- tenofovir disoproxil phosphate 291 mg with emtricitabine 200 mg tablet
- tenofovir disoproxil maleate 300 mg with emtricitabine 200 mg tablet
- tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg with emtricitabine 200 mg tablet

Brand equivalents for Truvada® currently listed on the PBS are:

**Tenofovir Disoproxil
Emtricitabine Mylan 300/200
Alphapharm Pty Ltd
(Manufacturer code: AF) — a
Mylan company
Level 1, 30 The Bond
30-34 Hickson Road,
Millers Point NSW 2000
Tel: 1800 274 276
Website: www.mylan.com.au**

**Tenofovir 291mg /
EMT 200mgGH
Generic Health Pty Ltd
(Manufacturer code: GQ) — a
Lupin Group company
Suite 2, Level 2
19-23 Prospect Street,
Box Hill VIC 3128
Tel: 03 9809 7900
Website:
www.generichealth.com.au**

**Tenofovir/Emtricitabine
300/200 APOTEX
Apotex Pty Ltd
(Manufacturer code: TX)
PO Box 280,
North Ryde NSW 1670
Tel: 02 8877 8333
Website: www.apotex.com/au**

This letter is produced by ACON to support patient advocacy with the continued health and wellbeing of our communities in mind. We encourage you to support patient healthcare with an uninterrupted supply of medicine by sourcing an alternative to Truvada®. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Vaughan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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