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**BONITAS AND POLMED UPDATE OCTOBER 2021 – PROVIDER INFORMATION**

With the introduction of less costly, generic medicines there will be three new generic reference price groups introduced on Bonitas and Polmed's medicine benefits from October 2021. The reference pricing system uses a benchmark for generically similar products to contain the maximum amount that will be paid for medicines in certain generic classes. This reference pricing system does not restrict the choice of medicines – it controls the cost of medication.

Members still have the choice to use any item which forms part of the generic medicine group that is subjected to the generic price list. However, if the chosen product's price is more than the reference price of that group, the member will be required to pay the difference as a co-payment.

The three new generic reference price groups implemented 01 October 2021 are as follows:

GENERIC REFERENCE PRICE DESCRIPTION	NAPPI CODE	NAPPI DESCRIPTION	GENERIC PACK SIZE	GENERIC REFERENCE PRICE (INCL VAT) Sept 2021	ABOVE OR BELOW REFERENCE PRICE
IVABRADINE 5MG	710620	CORALAN 5MG TAB	60	R 391.00	ABOVE
IVABRADINE 5MG	3003702	IVACOR 5mg	60	R 391.00	BELOW
IVABRADINE 7.5MG	710621	CORALAN 7.5MG TAB	60	R 391.00	ABOVE
IVABRADINE 7.5MG	3003703	IVACOR 7.5mg	60	R 391.00	BELOW
ALFACALCIDOL 0.25MCG	750654	ONE ALPHA 0.25MCG CAP	30	R 240.78	ABOVE
ALFACALCIDOL 0.25MCG	3003368	ZODORAY 0.25MCG CAP	30	R 240.78	BELOW
ALFACALCIDOL 1MCG	750662	ONE ALPHA 1MCG CAP	30	R 715.58	ABOVE
ALFACALCIDOL 1MCG	3003367	ZODORAY 1MCG CAP	30	R 715.58	BELOW
TADALAFIL 5MG	713444	CIALIS 5MG TAB	30	R 719.90	ABOVE
TADALAFIL 5MG	3002553	TALVIOR 5MG TAB	30	R 719.90	BELOW

As a valued network provider currently treating our members we encourage you to utilise generic medicines within the generic reference price.

Kind regards

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