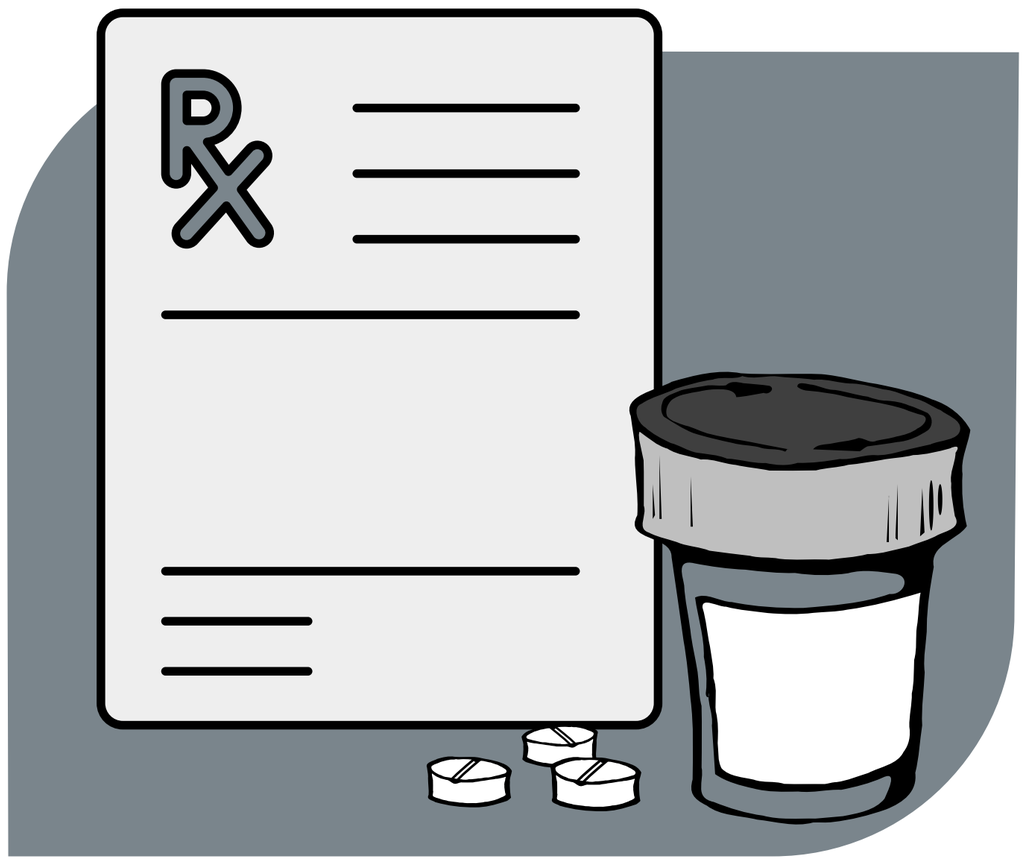
# ADVANCED PRESCRIBING A



## THERAPEUTIC SUBSTITUTION

Substituting a prescribed drug for a drug that is within the same pharmaceutical class.
**Must share a:**

- **Mechanism of action, OR**
- **Chemical Structure**

## WHEN TO USE

After reasonably exhausting dispensing scope of practice or Level 1 prescribing authority.

May be used when:

- Disruption in supply (e.g. drug shortages or drug is being withdrawn from market.
- Risk of patient harm
- Issues with adherence or access

## RESTRICTIONS

**NO BIOLOGICS OR BIOSIMILARS**

Quantity **cannot exceed the amount remaining or the duration** for which the original prescription would be valid.

**Must maintain the equivalent course of treatment intended** as the original prescription

A pharmacists **cannot substitute a non-controlled substance with a controlled substance**

## DOCUMENTATION

Documentation needs to occur on the PAR - Advanced Prescribing “A” Therapeutic Substitution

**PAR must be sent** to the primary care practitioner and any other practitioners whose care is impacted by prescribing.

## BILLING

Eligible for any Saskatchewan resident with a valid Health Services Number

- Therapeutic Substitution for a Practitioner-Initiated Prescription: **$18.00**
- **Maximum of SIX (6) claims** in a 365-day period per patient
- May be subject to change depending on circumstances

**Billing Code: 00951676**

## NOTES

**Back-to-back pharmacist prescribing is permitted if:**

- The most previous prescription was an interim supply
- An initial therapeutic substitution was prescribed, and another substitution is needed to switch back or to a more appropriate product

**As of October 1, 2026 pharmacists are permitted to prescribe a therapeutic substitution for a controlled substance**

This tool is intended as a quick reference to support practice. Pharmacists should review and be familiar with SCPP and DPEBB policy, including general policies for prescribing authority.

Pharmacists **must complete SCPP Council training** requirements and have **conditions removed from their license** before implementing Advanced Prescribing A scope of practice.