

# UNDERSTANDING my coverage

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## New hepatitis category coming to your prior authorization program

On July 4, 2014, a new category of hepatitis drugs, will be added to your Sun Life prior authorization (PA) program.

### Why is there a new hepatitis category?

Prior authorization helps manage the costs in a small number of cases where very expensive drugs are used. That keeps your drug plan affordable in the long-term, and you still get the health care coverage you need.

The spending on hepatitis drugs has accelerated in recent years. In the last six months, two new, high-cost hepatitis treatment drugs have come to the market. With this we expect another increase in hepatitis drug spend. Recognizing these factors and how they may affect drug plans, TELUS Health has created this new hepatitis category of PA drugs and it is being added to your Sun Life PA program. For a list of the drugs to be included in the new category, visit [mysunlife.ca/priorauthorization](http://mysunlife.ca/priorauthorization) after July 4, 2014.

### Grandfathering

When this category is added to your plan, we will “grandfather” any plan members already taking any of these hepatitis drugs. This means that if you have already been reimbursed for any of these drugs in the 120 days before July 4, 2014, you will not need to apply for prior authorization approval for your prescription.

### Easier way to navigate prior authorization online

You may have noticed that [sunlife.ca](http://sunlife.ca) and [mysunlife.ca](http://mysunlife.ca) have both been updated with a new look in the past few months. At the same time, we have created an easy and permanent way for you to navigate to the prior authorization page online. Now you can simply go to [mysunlife.ca/priorauthorization](http://mysunlife.ca/priorauthorization) to find the list of PA drugs and forms that are relevant to your PA program.

### Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the Customer Care Centre at 1-800-361-6212.