

FUNDAPEN™

KEY FACTS

- EpiPen® auto-injectors are available through the FundaPen initiative from **Monday 11 November, 2019.**
- Initial target - doctor diagnosed allergy patients at risk of anaphylaxis, who are Community Card holders Māori/Pasifika/Quintile 5 and aged under 18 years.
- 1 EpiPen® per eligible patient.
- The exclusive distributor is AllergyPharmacy.co.nz.

CONDITIONS

1. Every patient eligible for this offer needs to be doctor-diagnosed with an allergy that puts them at risk of anaphylaxis.
2. Each recipient needs to receive training and education in the use of the EpiPen® and management of their allergy to avoid anaphylaxis.
3. Each EpiPen® prescribed under this initiative needs to be supplied at a fixed cost to Allergy New Zealand. That is, single point of distribution = single pharmacy.
4. Only one FREE EpiPen® is available per eligible patient.

For these reasons AllergyPharmacy.co.nz will dispense each EpiPen® back to the GP who prescribed it under the FundaPen™ programme, NOT direct to the patient as they would normally.

THE PROCESS

1. GP establishes that the patient is clinically and demographically eligible for FundaPen™
 - We estimate that there are approximately six thousand children under the age of 18 at risk of potentially life-threatening anaphylactic reactions to allergens. Unfortunately we are only able to fund 2,500 EpiPen® auto-injectors under this initiative. Because of the challenges of access this initiative is specifically targeted at children between the ages of 2 and 18 years who are Maori, Pasifika, live in quintile 5 regions or hold Community Services Cards. We would ask that this is clearly marked on the prescription facsimile along with the key word – “FundaPen” to ensure we can demonstrate the impact of this initiative.
2. GP completes the patient’s prescription for an EpiPen® as usual.
3. Please add the word “**FundaPen**” clearly on the prescription.
4. Include the patient’s weight on the prescription so that the correct EpiPen® is dispensed.
5. Please Fax the completed prescription to Allergy Pharmacy: **03-441-0591.**
6. Please post a hard copy of the prescription to Allergy Pharmacy, PO Box 157, Queenstown.
7. AllergyPharmacy.co.nz assesses that the prescription meets the FundaPen™ qualification criteria and dispenses the EpiPen® to the prescribing GP* (3 day delivery time is normal).
8. GP receives the EpiPen® and contacts the patient to return for training and dispensing.
9. Your patient receives training, their EpiPen® and allergy collateral from your GP practice.

*We note that some patients will find a second appointment to pick up their FundaPen™ challenging. However, we also note that courier delivery to this target demographic carries a higher risk of non-receipt that we have not been able to mitigate.