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Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you for your letter of October 3, 2017, regarding the coverage of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, has asked me to respond on his behalf.

At the current list prices, the branded Truvada® product for PrEP costs more than \$11,000 per person per year. However, generic versions of Truvada have just recently become available in Canada which should make the drug more affordable.

At this time, Truvada for PrEP is still under review by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry), and the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (the Centre) currently does not provide routine coverage for PrEP of HIV. The Ministry is working with the Centre on this review as well as determining the best available generic drug pricing. Our aim is to complete the review and make a decision before the end of this year.

I hope you find the information helpful and I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

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