


MANITOBA HEALTH AND HEALTHY LIVING AND MANITOBA SOCIETY OF PHARMACISTS JOINT POLICY STATEMENT

RE: Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association November, 2009 Emergency Continued Care Prescriptions Procedure

Manitoba Health and Healthy Living (MHHL) and the Manitoba Society of Pharmacists (MSP) have been engaged in a consultative process with the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association (MPhA) with respect to the MPhA's 2009 Emergency Continued Care Prescriptions Procedure in the event of a pandemic, a copy of which is attached as Schedule "A" hereto. As a result of the consultation process, MHHL and MSP acknowledge that unique circumstances may arise during a pandemic emergency. It also acknowledged that new challenges are created when the pharmacy provider does not have an established relationship with the patient who is prescribed an Emergency Continued Care Prescription, particularly when the usual patient health information is not available after the pharmacy provider has made all reasonable efforts to obtain such information.


With respect to any drug dispensed by a pharmacy provider under the authority of the MPhA's Emergency Continued Care Prescriptions Procedure and when such drug is eligible for payment as a benefit under *The Prescription Drugs Costs Assistance Act* (Manitoba) ("PDCAA") or any of the other provincial drug programs that MHHL administers, the pharmacy provider will be required to dispense only the most recent, previous amount (days supply) dispensed. However, in exceptional circumstances, based on professional judgment and appropriate pharmaceutical care, a quantity of the drug that is less than the most recent, previous amount (days supply) may be dispensed. In such circumstances, the pharmacy provider is required to include documentation on the prescription detailing the rationale for change in quantity.

All pharmacies and pharmacy providers should be aware that any claims related to drugs dispensed under the authority of the Emergency Continued Care Prescriptions Procedure in the event of a pandemic emergency and where such drug is eligible as a benefit under the PDCAA or any other provincial drug program, the claim will be administered by MHHL in the same manner as all other claims for reimbursement and will be subject to the same audit and review authorities, including demands for repayment when appropriate, as provided to MHHL under the laws, regulations and policies of the Province of Manitoba, as amended from time to time.



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