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Mr. Darren Murphy, Board President
Ms. Tanjit Nagra, CEO
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Re: Adjustments to Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Dispensing Fees in Manitoba

Dear Mr. Murphy and Ms. Nagra,

This letter is to inform Pharmacists Manitoba of modifications to the Non-Insured Health Benefits dispensing fees in Manitoba planned to take effect on April 30, 2024. The changes are aligned with discussions that have taken place over the past several months and are in consideration of issues raised relating to the NIHB dispensing fees when compared to the provincial structure in Manitoba.

The NIHB compensation structure will be adjusted by implementing a tiered pharmacy dispensing fee where the maximum fee reimbursed will be based on the drug cost of the claim.

The regular maximum dispensing fee will be:

- Tier I: Up to \$15.22 for claims where the drug cost is \leq \$250
- Tier II: Up to \$30.00 for claims where the drug cost is $>$ \$250

For over-the-counter products the maximum dispensing fee will be:

- Tier I: Up to \$7.61 for claims where the drug cost is \leq \$250
- Tier II: Up to \$30.00 for claims where the drug cost is $>$ \$250

Exclusions to the tiered dispensing fee structure include compounds/extemporaneous mixtures and methadone for the treatment of opioid use disorder. NIHB program policies will continue to apply, including the requirement for providers to submit up to the lesser of their usual and customary fee or the NIHB dispensing fee.

Please feel free to share the information regarding the new rates with the members of Pharmacists Manitoba. NIHB will also formally communicate this information to enrolled pharmacy providers in Manitoba via a broadcast message planned for April 2nd.



NIHB will annually review its reimbursement in consideration of drug cost trends, changes in provincial reimbursement and the median dispensing fee information for the Manitoba Pharmacare Program, when provided by Pharmacists Manitoba. We appreciate the constructive dialogue between our organizations and expect that the current adjustment to the dispensing fee structure will be well received by pharmacists in Manitoba.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Menzies
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Non-Insured Health Benefits Program
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