

METHADONE REIMBURSEMENT PRODECURE

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Provincial Drug Programs would like to advise prescribers and pharmacists of the following:

1. This procedure reimbursement procedure has been in effect since October 16, 2014.
2. As Drug Program Information Network (DPIN) data suggests that there are still patients that have not transitioned to Methadose, the transition period will be extended by another three months until the effective date of the next Bulletin in mid-April 2015. This extension will allow for: part fills of existing prescriptions to be filled (using the old pseudo PIN) and new prescriptions to be written and filled (using the new DINs). Those who prescribe Methadone in Manitoba will be informed of the procedure.
3. As capsules compounded from methadone powder are not an eligible benefit through Provincial Drug Programs (PDP) and will not be covered under Part 3 EDS, PDP continues to assess the implications for patients receiving low dose Methadone for pain management. Feedback received from pharmacists and prescribers during the consultation phase of the policy development did not identify transitioning low dose patients to Methadose as a “clinical concern”.

Additional information related to the issue of low dose Methadone for pain management will communicated prior to April 15, 2015.