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Ms. Sharon Smith
President, Pharmacists Manitoba
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Re: Adjustments in NIHB Compensation to Manitoba Pharmacy Service Providers

Dear Ms. Smith,

I hereby confirm that the dispensing fee adjustments recently negotiated by Health Canada and Pharmacists Manitoba will be implemented according to the following schedule:

Prescription Drugs (Schedule I and II drugs): Usual and customary fee (U&C) up to a maximum of

- \$11.65 for the period April 15, 2016 to April 14, 2017
- \$12.00 for the period April 15, 2017 to April 14, 2018
- \$12.35 for the period April 15, 2018 to April 14, 2019

Over-the-Counter Drugs (Schedule III and Unscheduled drugs) and **Diagnostic Agents & Supplies** (products such as diabetic needles and syringes, blood glucose test strips): U&C up to a maximum of

- \$5.83 for the period April 15, 2016 to April 14, 2017
- \$6.00 for the period April 15, 2017 to April 14, 2018
- \$6.18 for the period April 15, 2018 to April 14, 2019

The proposed increases in the dispensing fee for prescription drugs detailed above affects the fees associated with refusal to dispense, extemporaneous preparations, and opioid addiction therapy in accordance with NIHB Program policies, as outlined in the NIHB Pharmacy Provider

Guide and/or otherwise communicated by NIHB. All claims for NIHB compensation must be in conformity with the terms and conditions of the Express Scripts Canada Pharmacy Provider Agreement.

I would like to request that you share this information with the members of Pharmacists Manitoba. NIHB will also send a fax to individual NIHB pharmacy service providers.

Sincerely,



Rolina P. van Gaalen
Manager, Negotiations Secretariat
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