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Ms. Abby Lau, Government Relations Co-Chair
and
Mr. Jason Falk, Government Relations Co-Chair
Pharmacists Manitoba
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Re: Adjustments to Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Dispensing Fees in Manitoba

Dear Ms. Lau and Mr. Falk,

We are pleased to announce that the NIHB dispensing fees in Manitoba will increase as follows on April 15, 2019:

- **Prescription Drugs** (Schedule I and II drugs): Usual and customary fee (U&C) up to a maximum of \$13.24.
- **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 \$6.62.

The increase in the dispensing fee for prescription drugs will also affect the fees associated with refusal to fill, extemporaneous mixtures, and methadone for the treatment of opioid use disorder, in accordance with NIHB Program policies, as outlined in the NIHB Guide for Pharmacy Benefits 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 for the NIHB Program.

Please share the information regarding the new rates with the members of Pharmacists Manitoba. NIHB will also send a fax to individual NIHB pharmacy service providers.

Once we have received from you more recent dispensing fee information for Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living, it will be reviewed for consideration of additional dispensing fee increases.

Sincerely,



Rolina P. van Gaalen
Manager, Negotiations Secretariat
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