

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: **May 27, 2015**

TO: ***Pharmacists Manitoba  
Dr. Brenna Shearer, Chief Executive Officer***

FROM: ***Heather Howdle, Manager , Health Care Services, Injury Claims Management***

RE: **Direct Billing of Prescription or OTC medications for Injury Claimants**

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Please be advised that Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) does not accept direct billing privileges for any medication purchased for any claimants eligible under MPI's Personal Injury Protection Plan (PIPP), unless pre-authorized. Pre-authorizations will be initiated by MPI on a case-by-case basis, and is at the case owners' discretion.

Therefore, unless direct billing is pre-authorized, all claimants are required to purchase prescriptions or over the counter (OTC) medications through Manitoba pharmacies and submit a request for reimbursement for consideration as governed by the MPI Act.

Please note: The current MPI Opioid policy remains unchanged for claimants who are in the acute stage of recovery following an injury or surgery wherein the payment for Opioid medication will be provided without prior authorization. The acute stage is considered within 2 weeks from the date of injury or surgery.

Please call if you have any questions.