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Mr. Barret Procyshyn
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Re: Adjustments to Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Dispensing Fees in Manitoba

Dear Mr. Procyshyn,

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 2018, requesting an additional one-time dispensing fee adjustment on top of the previously negotiated rate adjustment for this year.

The review of the request has been completed and I can inform you that the NIHB dispensing fees in Manitoba will be increased as follows on June 1, 2018:

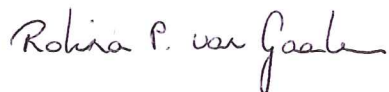
- **Prescription Drugs** (Schedule I and II drugs): Usual and customary fee (U&C) up to a maximum of \$12.55.
- **Over-the-Counter Drugs** (Schedule III and Unscheduled drugs) and **Diagnostic Agents & Supplies** (products such as diabetic needles and syringes, blood glucose test strips): U&C up to a maximum of \$6.28.

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 problematic opioid use, 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.

The adjustment scheduled for June 1st will bring the total increase in the standard NIHB dispensing fee since March of this year to 4.6%.

I would like to request that you 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.

Sincerely,



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