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F I L E F O R F U T U R E R E F E R E N C E

TO: All Pharmacies

FROM: J. E. Davis

DATE: December 30, 1992

RE: **SOCIAL ALLOWANCE**
CITY OF WINNIPEG

We are happy to advise you that we have reached agreement with the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg.

Social Allowance: 3% increase April 1/92 to March 31/93
which translates to a fee not to exceed \$6.95

City of Winnipeg: 3% increase December 1/92 to March 31/93
also a fee not to exceed \$6.95

Cost of Product: effective January 1, 1993 "is defined as the published price for drugs in the Formulary, and for drugs excluded from the Formulary, the price is the lowest normal price as quoted by wholesalers, Medis Prairies, United Pharmacists Wholesale Ltd and/or Brathwaites Ltd."

With regard to Social Allowance it may also be appropriate to remind you of other terms which you may have forgotten:

Vendor Number: You have one! Use it! (This is not your Pharmacare number.) This speeds up your claim processing. You are only one vendor from some 45,000 others, and claims cannot be paid without it.

Weekly Billings: You may bill weekly if you wish. This also speeds up your claim processing as well as having a positive impact on cash flow.

Quantity: Limited to 30 days. This has added benefits for your client. It aids compliance monitoring and limits waste and potential overuseage.

You will also note that the Province will reimburse retroactively to April 1, 1992. (There is NO retroactivity for the City of Winnipeg.)

For retroactive billing to the Province, see attached instructions.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Productive New Year!

PLEASE SEE OVER --

**APPLYING FOR RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS
(SOCIAL ALLOWANCE ONLY)**

As contained in the announcement of agreement, pharmacies are permitted to apply for payment for prescriptions dispensed and billed during the period of April 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992, which reflects a 3% increase.

Steps to follow:

1. Determine the number of prescriptions which were billed at cost plus fee. (NOTE: Some would have been billed as OTC at markup. These are NOT eligible for retroactive payment.)

2. Create a Supplementary Bill, using the regular drug account form, which reflects the number of prescriptions, multiplied by the new fee with applicable 3% increase, based on your fee charged. This new fee cannot exceed \$6.95. Subtract the fee charged and bill for the difference.

e.g.	Your new fee	\$6.75 + 3%	=	\$6.95
	Your old fee		=	<u>6.75</u>
	Difference			.20

100 Rx's X 20¢ = \$20.00

e.g.	Your new fee	\$5.00 + 3%	=	\$5.15
	Your old fee		=	<u>5.00</u>
	Difference			.15

100 Rx's X 15¢ = \$15.00

3. Send this Supplementary Bill to Social Allowance Health Service to the attention of Mr. Manual Morry. DO NOT include with your regular billing. Use your Vendor Number.

For further information or clarification, please contact me at 233-6227 or Manny Morry at 945-3072.

City of Winnipeg Dispensing Fee

Effective December 1, 1992, the City of Winnipeg will accept a 3% increase to a maximum dispensing fee of \$6.95. If your pharmacy dispensing fees have changed for the month of December, and your pharmacy has already submitted drug invoices for December, please advise the City of Winnipeg, Social Services Department, by letter (896 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2W 3P3) or FAX (986-6137) **before January 15, 1993.**