Drug Plan and Extended Benefits
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PROVINCIAL MID-YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

The following changes were announced today during the Mid-Year Financial Update.
http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2016/november/22/mid-year-report

ELIMINATION OF THE CeRx PAYMENT TO PHARMACIES:

Effective January 1, 2017, the CeRx payment of $0.10 for each prescription submitted electronically to the Pharmaceutical Information Program (PIP) by community pharmacies will be eliminated.

- This payment recognized the time and effort required by pharmacies to integrate their computer systems to the Ministry's PIP system using the national standard CeRx messaging.
- All Saskatchewan community pharmacies have completed the PIP CeRx integration as of June 2016.
- Pharmacies will continue to dispense prescriptions, transmit necessary information to PIP, and adjudicate claims to the Drug Plan as per usual process.
- There will be no change to the tiered markup and maximum dispensing fee of $11.40 according to the Proprietor Agreement.

CHANGE TO DRUG COVERAGE:

There may be drug coverage changes, subject to consultation with the Drug Advisory Committee of Saskatchewan.

- Changes are being considered at this time and more details regarding the changes will be provided to pharmacies and prescribers as soon as possible.
- Pharmacies or individual pharmacists may receive additional information by fax or email.
- Prescribers may receive letters with more information.
- Patients and health professionals are encouraged to periodically check the Formulary website in the "What's New" section for information and updates at: http://formulary.drugplan.health.gov.sk.ca/

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Why is the CeRx payment eliminated?

The CeRx payment was intended to be in place only until all Saskatchewan community pharmacies completed PIP CeRx integration. This was achieved in June 2016.

Will my billing processes change?

Pharmacies will continue to submit claims to the Drug Plan and PIP as per usual processes.

Will the Proprietor Agreement change?

There will be an Amending Agreement sent to proprietors that will eliminate the sections of the Proprietor Agreement which refer to the CeRx payment. The Amending Agreement must be signed and returned to the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch by December 31, 2016.

Will patients be notified about the drug coverage changes?

We encourage patients and prescribers to check the Formulary website in the "What's New" section for information and updates at: http://formulary.drugplan.health.gov.sk.ca/

What will change with drug coverage?

More information will be provided as more details are available.

Who can I contact for more information?

Please check the Formulary website link for more information. If you have further questions, please contact the Drug Plan at 306-787-3317 or 1-800-667-7581.