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TAKE HOME NALOXONE FEE (THNF)
CLAIMS PROCEDURE

Effective August 16, 2021, as part of Saskatchewan's Provincial Take Home Naloxone (THN) Program, participating pharmacies will be remunerated for providing a publicly-funded THN kit to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose or those likely to witness and need to respond to an opioid overdose.

The Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) is administering the payment process to pharmacies on behalf of the Community Care Branch (CCB) in the Ministry of Health. The CCB is responsible for the Provincial THN Program. To facilitate submission of a Take Home Naloxone Fee (THNF) claim by pharmacies to the DPEBB, a pseudo Health Services Number (HSN) will be used to de-identify patients and bill the THNF.

The DPEBB will pay a THNF to pharmacies according to Table 1 (Take Home Naloxone Billing Code and Billing Threshold/Limitations), when publicly-funded THN kits are provided to an eligible client:

1) By a licensed pharmacist eligible to provide THN kits and training according to the *Regulatory Bylaws of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals*; and,
2) As part of Saskatchewan's Provincial THN Program and in accordance with the *Publicly Funded Take Home Naloxone Policy*.

The THNF payment remunerates the pharmacy for all activities/expenses related to the provision of the service (e.g., client assessment, client training, data tracking documentation).

No incentives shall be provided by the Proprietor, or an agent on behalf of the Proprietor, to any other person in relation to the provision of publicly-funded THN kits. ***"Incentives" mean any money, gifts, donations to a charity, rebates, refunds, customer loyalty programs, points, coupons, discounts, goods and/or rewards which can be redeemed for a gift or other benefit.***

BILLING PROCEDURE

- Submit the THNF electronically via the DPEBB online claim system on the day the kit is provided.
- DPEBB pays 100% of the THNF to the pharmacy.
- Ensure the following fields are filled out:

• **PATIENT IDENTIFIER**	= Take Home Naloxone pseudoHSN (999 999 982)
• **DISPENSING DATE**	= date of the activity (e.g., August 16, 2021)
• **RX NUMBER**	= enter the sequential RX#
• **HEALTH PROVIDER ORGANIZATION ID**	= SKCP
• **HEALTH PROVIDER ID**	= Pharmacist ID number (e.g., D1234)
• **PHARMACIST ORGANIZATION ID**	= SK
• **PHARMACIST ID**	= Pharmacist ID number (e.g., D1234)
• **DIN**	= enter appropriate billing code (pseudoDIN) for service provided (see Table 1)
• **COMPOUNDING FEE (CF)**	= $0.00
• **COMPOUND NAME**	= blank
• **QUANTITY (QTY)**	= 1 (limitations are as noted in Table 1)
• **DAYS SUPPLY**	= enter days supply dispensed
• **ACQUISITION COST (AC)**	= $15.00
• **DISPENSING FEE (DF)**	= $0.00
• **MARKUP**	= 00 / 00 / 00
• **TOTAL RX COST**	= $15.00
• **PATIENT PAID**	= $0.00
• **ADJUDICATION FLAG**	= Y

- **The DPEBB will not accept paper claims for the THNF.**
- **If you are unable to submit the THNF electronically through your Practice Management System, use the secure DPEBB web page by logging on to https://www.drugplan.health.gov.sk.ca.**
- **If you are not sure how to install the web certificate, contact your software vendor.**

Table 1: Take Home Naloxone Billing Code and Billing Threshold/Limitations

Billing Code	Service	Billing Threshold/Limitation
00951510	Provision of THN Kit ($15.00)	A pharmacy can bill for **ONLY** publicly-funded THN kits. Must be submitted as a Quantity of ONE (1).

Who to Call:

- For questions related to **BILLING PROCEDURE**, contact the DPEBB at 306-787-3317 (Regina) or 1-800-667-7581.
- For questions related to the **THN PROGRAM** in general, including the THN Program policy or access to SharePoint, contact the THN Program in the CCB by email at takehomenaloxone@health.gov.sk.ca.
- For questions related to **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE,** contact the Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan at 306-359-7277.