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Saskatchewan Medication Assessment Program Compliance Packaging Update

Effective immediately, the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) has extended the expiry date of Exception Drug Status (EDS) for compliance packaging under the Saskatchewan Medication Assessment Program to September 30, 2020, for those individuals where the EDS will be expiring prior to that date. This will enable pharmacists to delay their in-person annual medication assessment until such time when the public health risk from COVID-19 has been reduced.

As there is an increased risk of more severe outcomes for COVID-19 for individuals 65 years of age and over, the DPEBB is recommending that pharmacists delay all non-urgent professional services (e.g., medication assessments) until the risk has been reduced.

If a medication assessment cannot be delayed (i.e., a new admission to a personal care home or a group home), a medication assessment may be done over the phone.

DPEBB documents related to COVID-19 are now available under the "What's New" tab on the on-line Formulary at the following link: http://formulary.drugplan.ehealthsask.ca/News.

Reminder:

The *Protect Yourself and Others* poster is available for download.

https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/104332

Resources:

If you or your patients have any questions, call:

- Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch at 787-3317 (Regina) or 1-800-667-7581

Information is also available on the following websites:

- https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus
- https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html