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NEW Intervention & Exception Code to Distinguish Administered vs Dispensed Vaccines

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) is pleased to announce a resolution to distinguish administered versus dispensed vaccines in Manitoba's Drug Program Information Network (DPIN), the Manitoba Immunization Registry as well as eChart.

Effective September 1, 2018, please enter the new intervention and exception code "PS" (professional care service code), when entering pharmacist-administered vaccines (via the drug identification number (DIN)) into DPIN. Vaccines that are strictly dispensed and **NOT** administered should be entered into DPIN **WITHOUT** the PS code. Please continue to enter dispensed **and** administered vaccines into DPIN using Drug Utilization Review (DUR); vaccines that are strictly pharmacist-administered should be entered using the DUR **and** the PS Code. Effectively using the PS code will give all health care providers the ability to distinguish administered from dispensed vaccines because only vaccines entered into DPIN with a PS code will flow into the Manitoba Immunization Registry as well as the immunizations record in eChart. Information pertaining to strictly dispensed vaccines will be available in DPIN and the medications record in eChart (as those vaccines will be entered into DPIN without a PS code). The PS code (operational October 1, 2018) applies to both publicly funded vaccines (i.e. flu, Tdap, Td, Pneu-P-23 and HPV) as well as non-publicly funded vaccines prescribed by a health care provider.

The process of invoicing MHSAL for payment of pharmacist-administered publicly funded vaccines remains the same. However, MHSAL is actively exploring solutions to expedite this process. Therefore, please continue to submit quarterly invoices to MHSAL until further notice. (Note: only vaccines with a PS code will be reconciled by MHSAL and paid accordingly). Additionally, the current process of accessing a client's immunization history (by phoning 204-788-6737 or by faxing 204-948-2190) remains unchanged.

For information about provincial program standards, eligibility criteria, printable immunization schedules and forms for health care providers (e.g. invoices, fax request forms, etc.), access the province's *Immunization Program Manual for Immunization Providers in Manitoba* at: www.manitoba.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html.

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility.

Sincerely,

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