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MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN: PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Provincial Registration Management Program at Emergis allows for the coordination of claims with the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Pharmacare Programs. This program ensures that insurance carriers are not paying for claims that should be covered under the provincial plan.

Cardholders have already been instructed by their carriers to register for the provincial plan and many have done so. Nothing will change for plan members who have already registered with Pharmacare programs *and* have advised their insurance carrier that they have registered.

How does the program work?

The carriers have been phasing this in, which means certain cardholders are already affected. Each carrier will determine dollar value thresholds they will use for senior and non-senior cardholders. Only drugs eligible under Pharmacare Programs will be tracked with respect to the thresholds.

When a claim is submitted for cardholders of these plans who have not registered, a message will be sent advising: **REGISTER WITH PROVINCIAL PLAN**. At this point, it should be explained to the cardholder that the threshold is not based on time, but dollar value. So, if you receive this message, there is no deadline issue involved.

However, if the cardholder is nearing the dollar threshold, the message will be: **FAILURE TO ENROL MAY SUSPEND PAYMENT**.

Once a cardholder has reached the dollar threshold, claims will be rejected and the message will be: **INSURER REQUIRES PROV PLAN ENROLMENT**.

We request that you support this program by relaying the above messages to your patients, so they are aware of the need to register for the Pharmacare Programs.

Information on registering for the Pharmacare Programs is available on these government Web sites:

- Saskatchewan – http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/ps_drug_plan_special.html
- Manitoba – <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare/index.html>

If your patients have questions about these programs, they can contact their insurance company or talk to their benefit plan administrator. Please feel free to contact the Emergis Pharmacy Support Centre should you require further assistance.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

If you have any comments or questions about the content in this issue, please **fax** your feedback to **905 602 7411** or e-mail it to pharmacy.services@emergis.com.

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