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RE: Tariff Code Updates for Immunizations

As products are added or discontinued in Canada, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) updates the tariff codes used for physician billing purposes to keep things up-to-date.

When a physician bills MHSAL after an immunization is administered, the tariff code provided is used to update the client's electronic immunization record in Manitoba's Immunization Registry. Using the correct tariff code is essential for accurate immunization records, which help to ensure the population is protected against vaccine preventable diseases and allows for accurate clinical review of vaccines that may be required in the future.

MHSAL has recently made changes to the available tariff codes. Attached is an updated listing of the tariffs for Immunizations and Biologics. You can also find this online in the Immunization Program Manual (www.manitoba.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html).

Tariff 8924: This tariff has been discontinued. This tariff was used previously for the DTaP-IPV vaccines (Quadracel and Infanrix-IPV vaccines), which have not been manufactured in several years. In 2013, Manitoba replaced the DTaP-IPV vaccines with Tdap-IPV vaccines (Adacel-Polio or Boostrix-Polio). Although the products contain the same antigens, the concentrations of the components are different, requiring the use of a different tariff.

Tariff 8671: This tariff has been given restrictions for use. The tariff will only be accepted for clients who are 12 years of age and under, as this vaccine is only approved for use in that age range.

Tariff 8800: This tariff has been suspended. All available vaccines have an associated tariff that should be used. Using this tariff would result in incomplete immunization records, as this tariff does not reference any particular vaccine. It will be temporarily re-instated in the event that a new vaccine is introduced prior to its specific tariff being active.

Please share this information with all staff within your facility or any billing clerks who manage and use the tariffs on your behalf.

Sincerely,

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