

Information for Pharmacists

**Claims Submission Procedure –
Manitoba Enhanced Pharmacare Program**

Effective April 15, 2025

**Please include this Procedure in your Drug Programs Information
Network (DPIN) Manual under Section 4: Claims Submission.**

- This Claims Submission Procedure (CSP) for the Manitoba Enhanced Pharmacare Program (MEPP) applies to community pharmacy dispensation of specified birth control medications, diabetes medications, hormone replacement therapy, HIV medications (including pre-exposure prophylaxis [PrEP], post-exposure prophylaxis [PEP], and anti-retroviral therapy [ART]), and COVID-19 oral antiviral medications (Paxlovid) covered under The Prescription Drugs Cost Assistance Act to eligible Manitoba residents with active Manitoba Health coverage who do not have 100% coverage under another government funded program;
 - **Not eligible for MEPP:** Clients with federal or other provincial drug coverage where no deductibles apply (including clients enrolled in Manitoba's Personal Care Home, Employment and Income Assistance [EIA], and Palliative Care Drug Access Program)
 - **Eligible for MEPP:** Clients enrolled in the Manitoba Pharmacare program, and clients ELIGIBLE to enroll in Pharmacare because they do not have coverage under another federal or provincial government drug program.
- Pharmacies must submit MEPP claims to Drug Program Information Network (DPIN) under the PH carrier code, 06.
- Pharmacies may charge a **maximum \$14 professional fee** for medications dispensed through MEPP. For clarity, pharmacies may charge a professional fee of \$14 or the pharmacy's Usual and Customary (U&C) Fee, whichever is lower.
- **Oral Contraceptives – Professional Fee Coverage**
Manitoba will reimburse pharmacies for **up to a maximum of one (1) professional fee per three (3) months** for oral contraceptive medications dispensed and covered under MEPP. Note – this does not apply to other contraceptive medications such as IUDs, implants, etc.
 - "Three (3) months" refers to a 90-day period or 84-day cycle.
 - For clarity, this does not prevent or restrict any pharmacy from dispensing any product, including oral contraceptive medications dispensed and covered under MEPP, at a frequency more often than once every three (3) months.
 - If a pharmacy dispenses less than a three (3) month supply of oral contraceptives to a client, the pharmacy **must** split the professional fee such that no more than one (1) professional fee is claimed per three (3) months.
 - For example, if the maximum \$14 U&C Fee applies, a pharmacy may claim the following professional fees for dispensing oral contraceptives:
 - 1 month of oral contraceptives – \$4.67
 - 2 months of oral contraceptives – \$9.33
 - 3 months of oral contraceptives – \$14.00

- **Emergency Contraceptive Pills – Quantity Limits**
 - Manitoba will cover a maximum of three emergency contraceptive pill treatments per client per benefit year.
- **Diabetes Medications, and HIV ART and PrEP – Professional Fee Coverage**

Manitoba will not reimburse pharmacies for more than one (1) professional fee per month for medications dispensed for diabetes, or HIV ART or PrEP. Note – this does not apply to medications dispensed for PEP.

 - “One (1) month” refers to a per 30-day period or 28-day cycle.
 - Please refer to the [CSP – Dispensing Frequency](#) for additional details. Pharmacies are reminded that they are required to follow all CSPs and that claims are subject to audit.
- Before submitting a MEPP claim to DPIN under the PH carrier code – carrier code 06 – the following must be undertaken;
 1. The client must be asked to self-declare whether they are eligible for coverage under a federal drug program, and if so, the claim must be processed under that federal program. Pharmacies must keep a record of the individual’s response to this inquiry that corresponds with each MEPP dispensation.
 2. If the client declares they do not have coverage under a federal drug program, the client must be asked to self-declare whether they are eligible for coverage under any of the following provincial drug programs (and if so, the claim must be processed under the associated carrier code; pharmacies must keep a record of the individual’s response to this inquiry that corresponds with each MEPP dispensation):
 - Personal Care Home – carrier code 02
 - Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) – carrier code 03
 - Palliative Care – carrier code 04
- **Exception Drug Status (EDS) benefits require prior approval by the department through usual EDS process in order to be considered an eligible benefit for the client under provincial drug programs, including MEPP.** No backdating of EDS coverage will be provided under any provincial drug program, no exceptions.
- **Existing EDS approvals will remain in place after April 15, 2025 for EDS benefits being moved from Pharmacare coverage (where deductibles apply) to MEPP. There is no need for new EDS applications where EDS coverage exists.**
- Medications covered through MEPP are listed on the [MEPP Drug List](#). If there are any discrepancies between this List and the Manitoba Drug Benefits Formulary (which lists Part 1 and Part 2 medications) and approved EDS medications, the Formulary and EDS approvals prevail. Medications covered under MEPP are covered up to the cost of the lowest cost generic in a category as set out in the Manitoba Drug Interchangeability Formulary.
- Although copper IUDs dispensed through community pharmacies are not covered under MEPP, the program does cover copper IUDs provided through primary health care providers. Please visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare/mepp.html> for more information.

If your questions are not answered by reviewing the Claims Submission Procedures and FAQs posted at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare/healthprofessionals.html>

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