Effective October 1, 2015, pharmacy providers will be required to report all publicly-funded and non-publicly funded vaccines administered to Manitobans via the Drug Programs Information Network (DPIN).

**Why is this change being made?**
This new electronic process is consistent with *The Pharmaceutical Act and Regulation*, and will increase efficiencies at all levels to contribute towards improving immunization coverage rates in Manitoba.

**Are vaccines going to be eligible benefits under the Pharmacare program?**
No, vaccines will be transmitted for Drug Utilization Review (DUR) under the patient’s valid Personal Health Identification Number (PHIN). Vaccine claims should not be submitted for fiscal adjudication.

**Can a patient be charged for publicly-funded vaccines?**
No, Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors covers all costs associated with administration of a publicly-funded vaccine, as per the Eligibility Criteria for Publicly-Funded Vaccines ([http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html)). The claim should be transmitted through DPIN for DUR.

**Can a patient be charged for non-publicly funded vaccines?**
Yes, the ingredient cost and administration fee of non-publicly funded vaccines is the full responsibility of the patient and should be transmitted through DPIN for DUR.

**Whose prescriber license number should the pharmacy provider enter when submitting a vaccine to DPIN?**
When the pharmacist has consulted with the patient, determined what vaccine is required and administered the vaccine, the pharmacist’s prescriber number would be entered into DPIN; this will be the case for publicly-funded vaccines.

When a physician or nurse practitioner has prescribed a particular vaccine that the patient requires and provides the patient with a prescription, the physician/nurse practitioner’s licence number should be entered into DPIN regardless of whether or not the pharmacist is administering the vaccine; this will be the case for non-publicly funded vaccines.

**Can a pharmacy provider enter the vaccine into DPIN in advance of administering the vaccine?**
No, vaccines should be entered into DPIN on the date they are administered by the pharmacist or dispensed to the patient for administration elsewhere.
Can a pharmacy provider enter the vaccine into DPIN once to indicate it was dispensed, and then a second time when it is administered?
No, vaccines must only be entered into DPIN one time, on the date they are administered by the pharmacist or dispensed to the patient for administration elsewhere.

What quantity and days’ supply should be entered when submitting a vaccine to DPIN?
Vaccines should be entered as the number of doses not the number of units and a days’ supply of one (1).

Can a pharmacy provider reverse a vaccine claim that was not administered or provided to patient?
Yes, if the vaccine was not administered or provided to the patient the pharmacy provider has 28 days to electronically reverse the claim.

How should a pharmacy provider proceed if the Drug Identification Number (DIN) for a vaccine is not in DPIN?
The pharmacy provider should contact the DPIN helpdesk to have the DIN loaded for DUR.

How should a pharmacy provider submit vaccines for a patient without a valid Personal Health Identification Number (PHIN)?
Vaccines administered to a patient without a valid PHIN must continue to be reported using the Monthly Immunization Inputting Form for Pharmacist and faxed to MH HLS (204-948-2204) for manual data entry into the provincial immunization registry.

Will payment for the administration of publicly-funded vaccines be included with the pharmacy provider’s DPIN payment when the vaccine is reported via DPIN?
No, the pharmacy should continue to submit quarterly invoices to MH HLS for the administration of publicly-funded vaccines using the Pharmacy Invoice to Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors.

How does a pharmacy provider obtain a patient’s immunization history for vaccines filled?
Please call 204-788-6420 or submit a Fax Request for Client Immunization History Fax Transmission Form to 204-948-2204 to obtain a record of a client’s immunization history.

Has the process to order vaccines changed?
No, to order vaccines please phone (204-948-1333 and toll-free 1-855-683-3306); fax (204-942-6212) or email (vacmda@gov.mb.ca) the completed form to the Provincial Vaccine Warehouse. The current order form can be accessed online at: http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf

Who should a pharmacy provider contact with questions about Manitoba’s Immunization Program?
Further information can be obtained online at http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html or by call 204-788-6737.

Who should a pharmacy provider contact with vaccine claim submission questions?
For any questions related to claim submission contact the DPIN Help Desk at 204-786-8000 or toll free at 1-800-663-7774.