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Dear Community Pharmacist:

NEW! Electronic Process for REPORTING Pharmacist-Administered Vaccines to MHLS

Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors (MHLS) is pleased to announce a new electronic process for reporting **all** vaccines administered by a certified community pharmacist to MHLS. This new electronic process is consistent with *The Pharmaceutical Act and Regulation*, and will increase efficiencies and safety at all levels to contribute towards improving immunization coverage rates in Manitoba.

Effective October 1st 2015, community pharmacists will be required to submit all vaccines administered to Manitobans via the Drug Programs Information Network (DPIN), whether privately or publicly-paid. The number of vaccine doses administered must be submitted for Drug Utilization Review (DUR) under a patient's valid Personal Health Identification Number (PHIN) using the Drug Identification Number (DIN) assigned to the vaccine. For publicly-funded vaccines that the pharmacist administers without the need for a physician's prescription (e.g. the flu shot), the pharmacist should be noted as the *prescriber* within DPIN. The information entered into DPIN will be electronically transmitted to the provincial immunization registry to become part of the patient's immunization history. (Information submitted through DPIN will not immediately appear in the provincial immunization registry).

For immunizations administered prior to October 1st, please continue using the existing process of faxing the *Monthly Immunization Inputting Form for Pharmacists*. All vaccines administered to patients **without a valid PHIN** must continue to be reported using the *Monthly Immunization Inputting Form for Pharmacists*, and faxed to MHLS (204-948-2204) for manual entry into the provincial immunization registry *even after* the October 1st electronic submission process change.

Please note that the process described above is only for REPORTING vaccine administration. Invoicing MHLS for the administration of publicly-funded vaccines via this DPIN reporting process is not yet possible. Therefore, please continue to submit a quarterly invoice to MHLS. Additionally, the current process of accessing a client's immunization history (phoning 204-788-6420 or faxing a *Fax Request for Client Immunization History-Fax Transmission Form* to 204-948-2204) remains unchanged.

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

Sincerely,

"Original signed by"

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