

July 9, 2021

Dear Health Care Provider:

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Re: New – HIV Medication Coverage, Effective July 12, 2021**

In follow-up to the letter sent on July 6, 2021 advising that Manitoba is introducing a new HIV Medication Coverage program, please be advised of the following:

- The HIV Medication Program Eligibility Form has been updated, most notably to include a section on the form to be completed by the prescriber, including the prescriber name, signature and contact information. **Please ensure you use this new form; the previous version distributed on July 6, 2021 will NOT be accepted.** The updated HIV Medication Program Eligibility Form is available online at: [https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/surveillance/docs/hiv\\_medication\\_program\\_eligibility\\_form.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/surveillance/docs/hiv_medication_program_eligibility_form.pdf).
- Pharmacies WILL NOT fill a prescription for a client if the client does not have active Manitoba Health coverage at the time they are going to the pharmacy to have their prescription filled. The pharmacist is required to call the DPIN Helpdesk each time they fill a prescription under this program (i.e. maximum of one month supply at a time – if a prescription is for three months, the pharmacist will need to call).
- The information available in DPIN ONLY shows the drugs dispensed – NOT prescriptions written if they haven't been filled. The Department does not have a way to track prescriptions written but not filled.
- Pharmacies are NOT required to fill prescriptions under this program – although the department anticipates that most pharmacies will choose to deliver this service to its clients, it is possible that some pharmacies may choose to not participate. A client would then need to seek service at an alternate pharmacy.
- Questions about the HIV Medication Coverage program can be emailed to: [STBBI@gov.mb.ca](mailto:STBBI@gov.mb.ca). Please be aware that emails are responded to as quickly as possible, and you can expect to receive a response within two business days.

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Sincerely,

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