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INFLUENZA ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT PROGRAM (IATP) POLICY and PROCEDURES		

POLICY

- Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) will pay community pharmacies, under the Influenza Assessment and Treatment Program (IATP), an Influenza Prescribing Fee (IPF)
- The amount of the IPF paid is in accordance with Schedule B of the Pharmacy Proprietor Agreement that is in effect on the date the service is provided.
- The IPF is paid when a pharmacist prescribes an eligible Schedule I drug for the treatment of influenza according to *the Regulatory Bylaws of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP)*, using the *medSask Influenza Prescribing Guidelines* (the Guidelines).
- **No incentives shall be provided** by the Proprietor or an agent on behalf of the Proprietor to any other person in relation to the provision of Influenza Prescribing Program services or related treatments.
“Incentives” means any money, gifts, donations to a charity, rebates, refunds, customer loyalty programs, points, coupons, discounts, goods, dividends, and/or rewards which can be redeemed for a gift or other benefit.

PURPOSE

- To improve public access to the Saskatchewan healthcare system by aligning pharmacist expertise to patient clinical needs.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

- *The Health Administration Act, (Saskatchewan)*
- *The Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act, 2015*
- *The Prescription Drugs Act (Saskatchewan)*
- *The Drug Schedules Regulations, 1997 Amendment Regulations*

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- The IPF pays a pharmacy for the work and responsibility associated with a pharmacist prescribing an eligible Schedule I drug for the treatment of Influenza using the Guidelines.
- The DPEBB places billing thresholds/limitations for the eligible condition, per patient in 365 days. These thresholds/limitations may not align with the Guidelines.

- The IPF is only paid when a Schedule I drug is prescribed that has an official indication approved by Health Canada (on-label) for the treatment for influenza.
- The cost of the prescription for the Schedule I drug is subject to the eligible patient's usual medication coverage.

ELIGIBILITY

- An eligible patient under the IATP is a resident of Saskatchewan with a valid Saskatchewan Health Services card that meets eligibility criteria as per the guidelines.

PROCEDURES

The Pharmacist will:

- Adhere to the Regulatory Bylaws of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals.
- Adhere to the Guidelines to determine appropriate action in the treatment of Influenza.
- Fully complete all sections of the medSask Pharmacist Assessment Record (PAR)- Influenza
- Send the PAR in its entirety to the patient's primary practitioner when a prescription is written.

The Pharmacy will:

- Submit the drug claim for the medication prescribed for influenza electronically for adjudication or capture before the IPF (**paper claims will not be accepted**).
- Submit the IPF on the same day as the drug claim.
- Match the prescriber in the IPF claim to the prescriber submitted for the prescribed medication claim.
- Ensure the dispensed prescription is captured on the Pharmaceutical Information Program (PIP).
- Obtain medSask approval, in writing, prior to the use of a document other than the medSask PAR.
- Retain copies of the PAR as per SPCP's Record Retention and Destruction guidelines.
- Provide copies of the PAR upon DPEBB's request as part of its review of adherence to the IATP Policy and Procedures within 2 business days.

The Drug Plan and Extended Benefit Branch will:

- Provide pharmacies with the IATP Policy and Procedures.
- Pay pharmacies the IPF upon receipt of the electronic claim.
- Update the list of Drug Identification Numbers (DINs) for eligible products under the Program.
- Request and review the PAR to confirm pharmacists and pharmacies have adhered to the IATP Policy and Procedures.
- Recover the IPF if DPEBB determines, based on its review, that there was nonadherence to the IATP Policy and Procedures.

BILLING PROCEDURE

Steps for pharmacists when prescribing under the Program:

- Dispense the eligible medication and submit the claim for adjudication or capture electronically via the DPEBB online claim system.
- Adjudicate the IPF using the appropriate pseudoDIN to the DPEBB.
- Billing shall occur on a real-time basis and using the Billing Codes listed in Appendix I.

Step 1: Dispensing the Medication:

• Use "SKCP" and your own pharmacist ID number in the Health Provider fields.	
• Use "D" in front of your own pharmacist ID number.	
• Ensure the following fields are:	
• PATIENT IDENTIFIER	= client nine-digit Health Services Number (HSN)
• DISPENSING DATE	= date of the activity (e.g., June 1, 2017)
• RX NUMBER	= enter the sequential RX#
• HEALTH PROVIDER ORGANIZATION ID	= SKCP
• HEALTH PROVIDER ID	= Pharmacist ID number
• PHARMACIST ORGANIZATION ID	= SK
• PHARMACIST ID	= Pharmacist ID number (e.g., D1234)
• DIN	= enter the DIN*of the product prescribed and dispensed <i>*must be an eligible Schedule I drug as per the medSask Influenza Prescribing Guidelines</i>
• COMPOUNDING FEE (CF)	= \$0.00
• COMPOUND NAME	= blank
• QUANTITY (QTY)	= enter quantity dispensed
• DAYS SUPPLY	= enter days supply dispensed
• ACQUISITION COST (AC)	= enter actual acquisition cost
• DISPENSING FEE (DF)	= enter usual and customary fee
• MARKUP	= tiered as per Pharmacy Proprietor Agreement
• TOTAL RX COST	= enter total cost
• PATIENT PAID	= as appropriate
• ADJUDICATION FLAG	= Y/N

Step 2: Submitting a Influenza Prescribing Fee (IPF)

- Submit the IPF electronically* via the DPEBB online claim system on the date the prescription is issued.
 - DPEBB pays 100% of the IPF to the pharmacy.
 - Ensure the following fields are:

• PATIENT IDENTIFIER • DISPENSING DATE	= client nine-digit Health Services Number (HSN) = date of the activity (e.g., June 1, 2017) *Must be the same date as the prescription claim in Step 1
• RX NUMBER • HEALTH PROVIDER ORGANIZATION ID • HEALTH PROVIDER ID	= enter the sequential RX# = SKCP = Pharmacist ID number (e.g., D1234) *Must match the provider ID from the prescription claim in Step 1
• PHARMACIST ORGANIZATION ID • PHARMACIST ID • DIN	= SK = Pharmacist ID number (e.g., D1234) = enter the appropriate billing code (pseudoDIN) as per Appendix I
• COMPOUNDING FEE (CF) • COMPOUND NAME • QUANTITY (QTY) • DAYS SUPPLY • ACQUISITION COST (AC)	= \$0.00 = blank = 1 (limitation noted in Appendix I) = enter days supply dispensed = \$25.00 or as per Schedule B of the Pharmacy Proprietor Agreement
• DISPENSING FEE (DF) • MARKUP • TOTAL RX COST • PATIENT PAID • ADJUDICATION FLAG	= \$0.00 = 00 / 00 / 00 = total fee = \$0.00 = Y
- Please note: the DPEBB will not accept paper claims for the IPF
 - If you are unable to submit electronically, or if unable to bill the fees electronically through the pharmacy's Practice Management System please use the DPEBB web page <https://www.drugplan.health.gov.sk.ca>
 - If you are not sure how to install the WEB certificate, please contact your software vendor.
 - The Level 2 Prescriptive Authority billing codes will not appear on:
 - PIP
 - the Formulary; and
 - requested patient profiles.

**Appendix I:
Influenza Billing Code and Threshold/Limitations**

Influenza Billing Code (pseudoDIN)	Billing Threshold/Limitations *DPEBB Threshold/Limitations may not align with the prescribing limits within the medSask Influenza Prescribing Guidelines
00951322	• Must be enacted by the Registrar of SCPP in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer • Maximum of TWO (2) claims in a 180-day period per patient • Must be submitted as a Quantity of ONE (1)