

PHARMACY *update*

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REMINDER: DISPENSING FEES

On August 18, 2017, the Manitoba Pharmacare program introduced a new cap on dispensing fees to help reduce costs for patients and the provincial drug plan.

As a result of these changes, Green Shield Canada (GSC) received a number of questions from Manitoba pharmacies concerning our current reimbursement structure. GSC reimburses brand-name drugs at 15 per cent above the manufacturer's list price, and generic drugs are reimbursed at 10 per cent above the manufacturer's list price. In addition, GSC will also pay a professional fee for the dispensing of each prescription. The professional fee reimbursed by GSC varies by the duration of supply provided as shown in the table below.

	Customary supply	Vacation supply (up to a maximum of 183 days)		
Days' supply	Up to 100 days	101-120 days	121-150 days	151-183 days
Number of dispensing fee(s) allowed	1 fee	1½ fees	1½ fees	2 fees
Maximum allowable dispensing fee (\$)	\$11.99	\$15.99	\$19.98	\$23.98

Any claims submitted in excess of the allowed amounts will not be permitted. These reimbursement guidelines still apply when the claim is already processed for payment by another private plan and is being coordinated with GSC as secondary payor (when paying the difference, GSC will pay only to the allowed amount of the drug).

Questions?

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