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PHASE THREE OF THE VALUE-BASED PHARMACY INITIATIVE NOW IN DEVELOPMENT

In 2017 Green Shield Canada (GSC) launched the Value-based Pharmacy initiative with the goal of improving care for our plan members through collaboration with community pharmacies. Phases one and two of the initiative are now complete, and phase three is currently in development.

In phase one of the Value-based Pharmacy initiative we started measuring pharmacy performance, assessing it against a set of validated metrics, and sharing that information with pharmacies via monthly Patient-Impact Scorecards. In phase two, a new overall score (a star rating called the Pharmacy Quality Rating) was added to the scorecard and made available to GSC plan members through our secure Online Services web platform and mobile app.

When the Patient-Impact Scorecards were introduced in October 2017, we indicated that our longer-term plan was to tie the ratings to pharmacy reimbursement. We are now in the process of designing the new reimbursement model with the input of the Canadian Pharmacists Association and the Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada. While the details of the model are still under development, we are able to provide an update on the general structure.

A new value-based reimbursement framework

The new reimbursement structure will apply only to pharmacies that have earned a Pharmacy Quality Rating – about a third of all pharmacies in Canada – while pharmacies that don't qualify for an overall rating will not see any change in the calculation of their reimbursement. In August 2018 we communicated how the overall rating is calculated and the criteria for a pharmacy to qualify for an overall rating – a pharmacy must be scored on three or more measures and have at least 10 patients impacting each measure. You may review the August 2018 Pharmacy Update for a refresher on calculating the overall score.

Here's the timeline...

The new reimbursement framework will be tied to defined periods of performance measurement – known as the Performance Period – that will in turn impact reimbursement for defined periods of time – known as the Reimbursement Period. While pharmacy reimbursement won't be directly impacted until July 2020, there are a few things to start thinking about now.

Performance during the entire 2019 calendar year will determine pharmacy reimbursement starting in July 2020 and continue through the next 12-month reimbursement

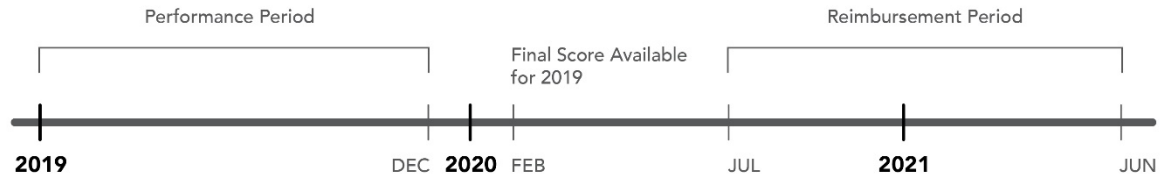
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cycle to June 2021. This early notice allows pharmacies adequate time to perform analysis of their results and understand the potential impact to their business. Further details about the specific reimbursement scheme that will go in effect in July 2020 will be shared in the coming months.

VALUE-BASED PHARMACY TIMELINE



CHANGE IN PACK SIZE FOR OZEMPIC

Effective February 4, 2019, Ozempic (DIN 2471469 and 2471477) is being adjudicated in the GSC system in **mL** instead of per pen. Previously the system priced the claim as per pen where 1.5ml equals 1 pen. Please make adjustments in your software system to account for this **change to mL**.