



PAS It On... Special Edition: Enhanced Prescriptive Authority for Pharmacists #48

ENHANCED PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHARMACISTS

The following is a quick reference of policy, procedures and billing for Level I Prescriptive Authority in Saskatchewan. A comprehensive Level I Prescriptive Authority Services Pharmacist Guide has been developed and will be available for members to download shortly. See below for contact information of various organizations noted in this document.

****Please note: policies, procedures, billing information etc. are anticipated to change over time. PAS will keep you updated as information becomes available.**

Getting Started

Prescriptive Authority for Pharmacists - Level I Training is mandatory for pharmacists prescribing Level I services. Approximately 815 pharmacists have already received training. On-line training and review information are available on the CPDP website. Training is being offered through Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacists (*CPDP*).

Once training is complete, a pharmacist must be set up as a prescriber in each location they practice. The pharmacy manager or "approver" of each location should initiate the request by contacting the Health Information Solutions Centre (*HISC*) Service Desk, Ministry of Health. Pharmacists practicing in more than one pharmacy are required to register as a prescriber in each community pharmacy they intend on providing Level I services in. Approvers can start this process now.

Malpractice Insurance

The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists (*SCP*) requires pharmacists carry a minimum of \$2 million in personal professional malpractice insurance when providing Level I Prescriptive Authority services. Pharmacists with a valid PAS membership including malpractice insurance are provided with this level of coverage as part of their membership package.

Beneficiaries

The Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (*DPEBB*) and several third party payors* have confirmed they will recognize pharmacists as prescribers in most areas of Level I Prescriptive Authority. This means payors have agreed to remunerate **dispensing services*** (drug costs, dispensing fee and mark-up) as usual when a pharmacist prescribes a drug. However, the DPEBB has also confirmed they will provide compensation in the form of a **Patient Assessment Fee** (fee for prescribing service) for most Prescriptive Authority Level I services. At this time, the Patient Assessment Fee is only billable for beneficiaries of DPEBB.

Please note: NIHB does not recognize pharmacists as prescribers in "Increasing Suitability of Drug" services. Also, federal payors (NIHB, DVA, RCMP, IFHP) have not committed to paying the Patient Assessment Fee for Level I Prescriptive Authority Services.

***See Pharmacist Guide for a complete list of beneficiaries and confirmed payors**

Documentation

All Level I Prescriptive Authority services must be documented in accordance with the Pharmacist Assessment Record (*PAR*) requirements and communicated to the patient's physician immediately or as soon as reasonably possible. Refer to the section in the SCP website entitled "Prescriptive Authority" for PAR requirements, general updates, resources and legislation for more information about documentation and professional requirements.

Prescribing Categories & Billing Limitations

Patient Assessment Fees related to Level I Prescriptive Authority are billable only through on-line adjudication to the DPEBB (for DPEBB beneficiaries only) within a community pharmacy.

Please note: The Level 1 Prescriptive Authority Service titles have been changed to be more consistent with SCP bylaws language but still reflect each scenario reviewed in your Level 1 training session.

Billing Code	Patient Assessment Fee	Level I Prescriptive Authority Service and Related Bylaws	Limitations
00951077	\$6.00	Continuing Existing Prescriptions (Section 5(a)(b)): Patient requires <u>interim supplies</u> because remaining supplies will not be sufficient until the date of his/her next appointment with a practitioner.	Max. of FOUR (4) claims in a 28 day period per patient
00951078	\$6.00	Continuing Existing Prescriptions (Section 5 (c)(d)): Patient is <u>unable to access his/her supplies</u> due to distance or other reasons.	Max. of FOUR (4) claims in a 28 day period per patient
00951079	\$10.00	Continuing Existing Prescriptions (Section 5 (e)(f)(g)(h)): Patient is in an <u>emergency situation</u> and requires supplies until he/she can consult a practitioner.	Max. of ONE (1) claim in a 28 day period per patient
00951080	\$6.00	Insufficient Information (Section 6 (a)(b)): Pharmacist may alter <u>missing information</u> in order to dispense the drug.	Max. of ONE (1) claim in a 28 day period per patient
00951081	\$6.00	Increasing Suitability of Drug (Section 7 (a) (b)): Pharmacist may alter <u>dosage form</u> if more beneficial for the patient.	Max. of FOUR (4) claims in a 28 day period per patient
00951082	\$25.00	Drug Reconciliation (Section (a) (b)): Pharmacists may prescribe a drug to a patient recently discharged, if patient has not obtained a continuing prescription while in hospital, licensed special care home or personal care home. Pharmacist may prescribe a drug if patient has been admitted to a hospital, licensed special care home or personal care home and the pharmacist determines the patient should receive the drug.	Max. of ONE (1) claim in a 28 day period per patient
	DELAYED	Patient Self-Care (commonly referred to as Minor Ailment Prescribing)	

***Minor Ailment mandatory training and minor ailment remuneration are still being developed/determined.**

***PAS will monitor Patient Assessment Fees and limitations and will reevaluate with The Ministry of Health one year from implementation.**

Resources

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, LICENSING/TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, LEGISLATION DOCUMENTS AND PATIENT CARE STANDARDS

- Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists
 - Office: (306) 584-2292
 - Website at www.napra.ca/pages/Saskatchewan
 - E-mail: info@saskpharm.ca
 - Public Education Campaign website at www.mypharmacistknows.com

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY SERVICES TRAINING AND SUPPORT

- Prescriptive Authority Training
 - Pharmacists requiring training should refer to the Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacists (CPDP) website to register for on-line training.
 - Pharmacists who have received live training in 2009 or 2010 can contact CPDP to gain access to on-line training modules for review and updates.
- Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacists (CPDP)
 - Office: (306) 966-6350
 - Website at www.usask.ca/cpdp
 - E-mail: cpdp@usask.ca

GETTING SET UP AS A PRESCRIBER ON PIP

Once Prescriptive Authority for Pharmacists – Level I Training is complete, pharmacists must be set up as a prescriber in each community pharmacy they will prescribe in. The pharmacy manager or “approver” should initiate this request by contacting the HISC Service Desk, Ministry of Health.

- HISC Service Desk
 - Toll free: 1-888-316-7446
 - Local: (306)337-0600
 - Fax: (306)781-8480
 - E-mail: hiscservicedesk@health.gov.sk.ca

COMPREHENSIVE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY SUPPORT AND GENERAL UPDATES

Information and resources on all aspects of prescriptive authority will be provided on a regular basis.

- PAS will provide to its members:
 - PAS it On Bulletins
 - E-mail blasts
 - Website updates at www.skpharmacists.ca

If you require further assistance please contact the PAS office directly.

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