

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Health Care Providers: Pharmacists Prescribing Contraceptives

Who is eligible for this program?

- These benefits are available to all Manitoba residents with a valid Manitoba Health Registration Card.

Where is information about pharmacists prescribing contraceptives for the general public available?

- Information regarding pharmacists prescribing eligible prescription contraceptives including Frequently Asked Questions – for People Living in Manitoba is available here: [Pharmacists Prescribing Contraceptives | Health | Province of Manitoba](#)
- For more information on submitting claims for assessing, prescribing or administering eligible prescription contraceptives, please refer to the Claims Submission Procedure (CSP) document here: [Claims Submission Procedure – Contraceptive Assessment and Intramuscular Injection Contraceptive Administration](#)
- Additional information for health care providers is available here: [Pharmacare Information for Health Professionals | Health | Province of Manitoba](#). Updated or new documents will be posted here.
- Pharmacists must provide expanded scope of services in accordance with the guidelines outlined by the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (CPhM). Pharmacists must complete the required training before providing the applicable services, including assessing, prescribing and administering eligible prescription contraceptives. For more information, please refer to CPhM's resources below:
 - [Prescribing](#)
 - [Prescribing and Dispensing](#)
 - [The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba](#)
 - [Final-Administration-of-Drugs-Including-Vaccines-2022-05-06.pdf](#)

Is there a maximum professional fee that a pharmacy may charge for assessing, prescribing or administering contraceptives?

- Yes, pharmacies may charge up to a maximum \$25 professional fee for completing an assessment for contraceptives, regardless of whether that assessment results in a prescription or not. Any prescription arising from the assessment may be covered according to the client's usual health insurance plan (e.g., Pharmacare, private insurance).
- Yes, pharmacies may charge up to a maximum \$15 professional fee for administering an intramuscular (IM) contraceptive product.
- Yes, pharmacy operators will be reimbursed a total of \$14 for provision of **emergency** contraceptives to eligible Manitoba residents under this program regardless of usual & customary fees identified in Schedule A/B of their Pharmacy Agreement.
 - This \$14 reimbursement includes both the “assessment” and dispensing services of providing emergency contraceptive products.
 - Eligible residents should not be charged any other fees for emergency contraceptive services under this program.
 - A contraceptive assessment fee may not be claimed when the assessment is conducted solely for the provision of emergency contraceptives. However, when a

patient receives emergency contraception and also undergoes a separate contraceptive assessment for the initiation or continuation of ongoing prescription contraception, the assessment may be eligible for reimbursement in accordance with program requirements.

- Clients are eligible for 3 emergency contraceptive products in a benefit year.
- Manitoba Health only requires the following documentation for completion of an “assessment” for provision of an **emergency contraceptive product** to an eligible resident:
 - Name, Address, Date of Birth, PHIN.
 - This information needs to be retained in patient records for audit purposes.
- Please refer to the Claims Submission Procedure for guidance on how an emergency contraceptive claim should be processed: [CSP - Manitoba Enhanced Pharmacare Program](#)

How frequently will a professional fee for pharmacists be covered for the service of assessing, prescribing or administering contraceptives?

- Coverage of contraceptive assessments is limited to a maximum of three (3) pharmacist assessments per client per benefit year (April 1 – March 31), whether an assessment results in a prescription or not. There is no requirement to meet a deductible or co-pay.
- Coverage of intramuscular (IM) injection contraceptive administration is limited to a maximum of four (4) pharmacist administrations per client per benefit year (April 1 – March 31). There is no requirement to meet a deductible or co-pay.
- Clients are eligible for 3 emergency contraceptive products in a benefit year.

Can a pharmacist submit a contraceptive assessment fee in conjunction with a claim for an IM Injection Contraceptive Administration?

- Yes, a pharmacist will be granted authorization to assess, prescribe and administer an IM contraceptive product through an amendment to Section 110 of the Pharmaceutical Regulation.
- This amendment will allow for an assessment fee to be submitted in conjunction with an administration fee.

Can a pharmacist submit assessment or administration fee claim for a Manitoban who has coverage under another provincial program or federal coverage?

- Yes. Assessment or administration fee claim should be submitted under carrier code 06 in accordance with the [Claims Submission Procedure – Contraceptive Assessment and Intramuscular Injection Contraceptive Administration](#). However, the prescribed contraceptive product should be submitted to the program under which the individual has coverage (e.g., Employment and Income Assistance, Non-Insured Health Benefits, Manitoba Enhanced Pharmacare Program, etc.).

Is coverage of more frequent assessment, prescribing or administration of eligible prescription contraceptives, available? NO.

- Any additional assessments in this period would not be covered by Manitoba Health. Clients may need to pay out-of-pocket costs to the pharmacy for additional assessments.
- Pharmacies should ensure that enough refills are provided so clients should not have any out-of-pocket expenses.

If I have issues submitting claims under the PH carrier code for assessing, prescribing or administering eligible prescription contraceptives, who should I contact?

- Pharmacies may contact the DPIN Helpdesk at 204-786-8000 or toll free at 1-800-663-7774, selecting option 2.
- Assessment claims use PIN 00997770 and IM injection administration claims use PIN 00997771.
- If a service is not completed, claims must be reversed within 28 days.
- Payments are processed through weekly DPIN payments.

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