

Manitoba HIV Medications Program (MHMP)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – Health Professionals
May 30, 2024

1. **Is coverage of more frequent dispensing (i.e., more than one professional fee per medication per month) available under MHMP?**
 - Yes. For more information, please see the following documents (please note, these will be updated shortly):
 - **CSP – Dispensing Frequency:**
https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare/profdocs/csp_frequency.pdf
 - **Frequency of Dispensing List:**
https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare/profdocs/list_fd.pdf
 - **Form – Frequent Dispensing Authorization:**
https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare/profdocs/list_fd.pdf
 - a. **Does my pharmacy need to request a new FOD approval for coverage through MHMP (i.e., if we already have a current FOD approval for a client in place)?**
 - No. Existing FOD approvals for HIV medications remain in place under MHMP for the duration of the approval period (if applicable).
2. **If I have issues submitting claims under the new Public Health carrier code as of June 3, 2024, who should I contact?**
 - Pharmacy may contact the DPIN Helpdesk at 204-786-8000 or toll free at 1-800-663-7774, selecting option **2**.
 - Pharmacies using Assyst Rx, the legacy Telus platform, may be directed to contact their vendor support helpdesk to add a client to new carrier code in their software.
 - Independent (non-chain) pharmacies using Kroll may also wish to review the “How to Add the Plan” document their pharmacy software vendor provided them.
3. **How should my pharmacy document client responses regarding self-declaration of coverage under a federal drug plan or another provincial drug plan? Has this been built into DPIN?**
 - Pharmacies may determine how to best implement this documentation requirement. This functionality cannot be built into DPIN.
4. **Are new Exception Drug Status (EDS) applications required for EDS benefits covered under MHMP?**
 - Clients must have current EDS approval on file for EDS benefit HIV medications to be covered under MHMP. If a client has EDS approval on file already (for example, through previous coverage of their HIV medications through Pharmacare), the existing approval will be transferred to the client’s profile under MHMP.
5. **Do prescribers need to register to prescribe HIV PrEP?**
 - No. With the implementation of MHMP, there is no longer a requirement to register as a PrEP prescriber. Prescribers are still expected to:
 - Be familiar with Manitoba’s [Eligibility Criteria and Clinical Guidance for Manitoba HIV PrEP](#) document and the Manitoba HIV Program’s [HIV Prevention Guidelines](#) prior to prescribing PrEP.
 - Ensure that each client meets the eligibility criteria for PrEP established in the [Manitoba Drug Benefits Formulary](#).
 - Schedule ongoing follow-up for monitoring and counseling as outlined in the HIV Prevention Guidelines.