

July 20, 2021

Dear Health Care Provider:

Re: New – Expanded HIV Post Exposure Prophylaxis Coverage, Effective July 26, 2021

Manitoba is expanding its coverage for HIV Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Medication Coverage. As of July 26, 2021, Manitoba will provide coverage for the full 28 day course of PEP medication. Clients who have active Manitoba Health Coverage and who do not have 100% coverage through an insurance program (e.g., federal drug program, Employment and Income Assistance, private insurance program, eligible for Workers Compensation claim), will be eligible to receive PEP medications free of charge. Clients will still receive a 3 day starter kit if presenting at an Emergency Department or at other participating sites, with additional medications provided depending on the situation (as per protocol – see link below).

Eligibility:

- Manitoba residents with an HIV PEP indication (per protocol below) who have active Manitoba Health Coverage and who do not have 100% medication coverage are eligible for this program.
- Inability to confirm a patient's current medication coverage will be considered equivalent to no coverage, and are eligible for coverage under this program.
- Patients currently enrolled in Manitoba Pharmacare are eligible for coverage under this program.

Post-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV, HBV and HCV: Integrated Protocol for Managing Exposure to Blood and Body Fluids in Manitoba:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/hiv_postexp.pdf

The PEP prescription form has been updated to include program eligibility and the Pharmacy Claims Submission Procedure. It can be found on the Public Health website at:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/hiv_prescription.pdf

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Sincerely,

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