

Change Rationale

Revised Joint Practice Direction: Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions

Introduction

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (CPhM) is seeking feedback from registrants on several proposed updates to the Joint Practice Direction: Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions. These updates reflect an important step in interprofessional collaboration with midwives, as well as provide clarity surrounding references to narcotics and controlled drugs.

Key Changes and Rationale

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<p>1.1 This document is a joint practice direction issued by Council as the result of interprofessional collaboration between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (CPhM), • College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (CPSM), • College of Podiatrists of Manitoba (COPOM), • College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM), • The Manitoba Dental Association (MDA), and, • The Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA). 	<p>1.1. This document is a joint practice direction issued by Council as the result of interprofessional collaboration between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (CPhM), • College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (CPSM), • College of Podiatrists of Manitoba (COPOM), • College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM), • The Manitoba Dental Association (MDA), • The Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA), and • College of Midwives of Manitoba (CMM). 	<p>CMM has requested to join the Joint Practice Direction: Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions. The inclusion of midwives supports interprofessional collaboration, as midwives issue prescriptions, most of which are transmitted electronically. It is important for CMM to be part of the Joint Practice Direction to establish clear standards and expectations for both midwives, as well as the pharmacists receiving and dispensing their prescriptions.</p>

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<p>8.1.1 The prescriber's printed name, signature, practice address, and Registration number.</p> <p>8.1.2 The prescriber's printed name, signature, practice address, and Registration number.</p>	<p>8.1.1 The prescriber's printed name, signature, practice address, and Registration number.</p>	<p>Remove the duplication of 8.1.1 and 8.1.2. This will change the numbering for subsequent subpoints under 8.1.</p>
<p>8.1.8 The total quantity and interval between part-fills must be specified for:</p> <p>8.1.8.1 Any medication on the M3P drug list.</p> <p>8.1.8.2 Any medication classified federally as narcotic or a controlled substance. (Refer to Appendix A for a complete listing of these medications.)</p>	<p>8.1.7 The total quantity and interval between part-fills must be specified for:</p> <p>8.1.7.1 Any medication on the M3P drug list.</p> <p>8.1.7.2 Any medication classified federally as a narcotic or a controlled drug. (Refer to Appendix A for a complete listing of these medications.)</p>	<p>This section was only intended to include narcotics and controlled drugs, not all controlled substances. However, note that the impact on practice is very minimal for most prescribers. This is because existing Practice Directions/ Bylaws from CPSM, CRNM, and MVMA already require intervals for benzodiazepines, effectively implementing the same requirements for part-fills, regardless of whether the prescription is electronic or handwritten.</p>
<p>[None pre-existing]</p>	<p>8.1.18 If the prescriber is a CMM Registrant (Midwife), a prescription must include a treatment goal and/or diagnosis and/or clinical indication.</p>	<p>While this was not previously a CMM requirement, CPhM outlined the importance of including treatment goals, diagnosis, or clinical indications being on prescriptions. This supports the pharmacist's clinical verification of the prescription and confirms the midwife is prescribing within their authorization. CMM has agreed to making this a requirement.</p>
<p>Appendix A: Medications Federally Classified as Narcotics or Controlled Substances</p>	<p>Appendix A: Medications Federally Classified as Narcotics or Controlled Drugs</p>	<p>Title change to Appendix A, to reflect the change above.</p>
<p>Appendix A:</p>	<p>Appendix A:</p>	<p>Change to Appendix A to reflect the change above to section 8.1.8.2 (now 8.1.7.2).</p>

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<p>As per section 8.1.8.2, total quantity, and interval between part-fills (i.e., number of days at which each quantity is to be dispensed) must be specified for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any medications on the M3P drug list and • Medications classified federally as a narcotic or controlled substance. <p>Medications that are classified federally as narcotics or controlled substances are listed in the schedules to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA). The commonly prescribed CDSA medications that are not on the M3P drug list are:</p>	<p>As per section 8.1.7.2, total quantity, and interval between part-fills (i.e., number of days at which each quantity is to be dispensed) must be specified for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any medications on the M3P drug list and • Medications classified federally as a narcotic or controlled drug. <p>Medications that are classified federally as narcotics or controlled drugs are listed in the schedules to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA). The commonly prescribed narcotics and controlled drugs that are not on the M3P drug list are:</p>	