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NOTICE from the Executive Officer

RE: Implementation of the MedsCheck expanded services

I am pleased to advise you that the expanded MedsCheck programs that were part of the Minister's June 7th announcements will be implemented effective **September 13, 2010**.

The expanded MedsCheck services will meet the drug therapy needs of more Ontarians. The new programs are:

- **MedsCheck LTC:** for residents of Long-Term Care Homes
- **MedsCheck at Home:** for people who have difficulty traveling to a community pharmacy, a community pharmacist will visit the patient in their home for the review
- **MedsCheck for Diabetes:** for Ontarians living with type 1 or type 2 diabetes

As in the current MedsCheck program, the MedsCheck expanded services are paid for by the Ontario Government through the Ontario Drug Benefit Health Network System.

Pharmacists are asked to use the specific PIN that is associated with each MedsCheck service. In some cases the service may only be reimbursed annually.

A detailed list of all MedsCheck programs and associated PINs follows this communiqué.

For more in-depth information on each of the three programs including questions and answer please refer to the ministry website at this link:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/cs/medscheck/pub_new.html

MedsCheck Long Term Care (LTC) – Summary Information

Patient Eligibility:

- Ontario Residents of a licensed Long-Term Care Home.

Conducting MedsCheck LTC:

- Quarterly medication review every three months (up to four times per year) for eligible patients
- Annual comprehensive inter-professional analysis which is done once per year from the date of the last annual review. This would normally replace one of the quarterly reviews.
- The reviews may be initiated at the community pharmacy. However, the results of the review and concerns identified during the review must be communicated to the residents care team in order to be eligible for payment.

Documentation Requirements:

- Quarterly and Annual assessment summaries require the signature of the pharmacist, or supervising pharmacist (if an intern or student conducted the assessment), and must also include the date on which the review was discussed including the name of the designate of the LTC Home care team with whom the results were reviewed in person.
- Date of Assessment summary

Record Keeping

- All signed and dated documentation must be maintained on site at the pharmacy in a readily retrievable format for a minimum of not less than 2 years for the purposes of audit under the ODB program
- Assessment summaries should be included in patient chart at the LTC Home

Pharmacist Educational Requirements:

- Assessment to be conducted by a licensed Part A pharmacist or an intern or registered pharmacy student as long as the intern or student is under pharmacist supervision.

Payment:

- \$ 90 for the annual assessment per year per patient, based on the date of the previous year's annual review – PIN 93899985
- \$ 50 for each quarterly assessment – PIN 93899986

Restrictions:

- Cannot conduct service over the phone or through video conferencing or entirely from the community pharmacy (may be initiated at the pharmacy only)
- One annual review per year based on the date of the previous year's annual review
- Patients receiving MedsCheck LTC are not eligible for a MedsCheck Annual, MedsCheck Follow-up, MedsCheck at Home or MedsCheck for Diabetes while a resident of the licensed home.

Please refer to Program details and Q&As for further information

MedsCheck at Home – Summary Information

Patient Eligibility:

- Any Ontarian with a valid Ontario Health Card, living in Ontario, taking a minimum of 3 prescription medications for a chronic condition and who are not otherwise able to attend the community pharmacy.
- Patients are typically frail and elderly; home bound and/or living in isolated conditions

Conducting MedsCheck at Home:

- Assessment conducted at patient's home with patient or care giver's consent

Documentation Requirements:

- Assessment summary requires signatures of patient or caregiver, pharmacist, or supervising pharmacist (if an intern or student conducted the assessment)
- Appropriate documentation/consent required from patient before pharmacist can accept a person's prescription medication for disposal.
- Documentation must be maintained on site at the pharmacy for a minimum of not less than 2 years for the purposes of audit under the ODB program

Pharmacist Educational Requirements:

- Assessment to be conducted by a licensed Part A pharmacist or an intern or registered pharmacy student as long as the intern or student is under pharmacist supervision.

Payment: Annual

- A claim for payment is made after the MedsCheck at Home visit has occurred
- \$ 150 per year per patient per year - - PIN 93899987

Restrictions:

- Cannot conduct service over the phone or through video conferencing or at the community pharmacy
- One review per year limit based on the date that the recipient had his/her previous MedsCheck at Home service
- If patient receives a MedsCheck at Home not eligible for a MedsCheck Annual, MedsCheck for Diabetes after the fact.
- Not eligible for a MedsCheck LTC unless the patient becomes a resident of a LTC Home

Please refer to Program details and Q&As for further information

MedsCheck for Diabetes – Summary Information

Patient Eligibility:

- Any Ontarian with a valid Ontario Health Card, living in Ontario, and diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes
- Not required to be taking 3 chronic prescription medications but patient must be diagnosed with either type 1 or type 2 diabetes and taking medication for their condition

Conducting MedsCheck Diabetes:

- Assessment conducted at the pharmacy

Documentation Requirements:

- Assessment summary requires signatures of patient, pharmacist, or supervising pharmacist (if an intern or student conducted the assessment)
- Regulated Pharmacy Technicians who assist in medical device training may also sign the assessment summary
- Documentation must be maintained on site at the pharmacy for a minimum of not less than 2 years for the purposes of audit under the ODB program

Pharmacist Educational Requirements:

- Assessment to be conducted by a licensed Part A pharmacist or an intern or registered pharmacy student as long as the intern or student is under pharmacist supervision.

Payment:

- \$ 75 per year per patient, based on the date the recipient had his/her previous MedsCheck for Diabetes annual service – PIN 93899988; claim to be submitted on the date of service
- \$ 25 per patient diabetes follow-up – PIN 93899989; claim to be submitted on the date of service

Restrictions:

- Cannot conduct service over the phone or through video conferencing
- One review per year limit based on the date that the recipient had his/her previous MedsCheck for Diabetes Annual service
- The MedsCheck for Diabetes Follow-Up visit must take place at the same pharmacy that provided the annual diabetes assessment service.
- Not eligible for a MedsCheck LTC unless the patient becomes a resident of a LTC Home

Note: If a patient is diagnosed with diabetes and has received a MedsCheck Annual within the previous 12 months; this patient is eligible for a MedsCheck for Diabetes.

Please refer to Program details and Q&As for further information

CLAIMING PAYMENT

Claims submissions occur on the day the MedsCheck service is conducted and after both the pharmacist and patient/signing authority have signed/dated the medication review. Ministry inspectors monitor all MedsCheck claims and will follow up with pharmacies if there are concerns regarding claims submissions including missing or incomplete documentation records. All MedsCheck claims are subject to audit and monies may be recovered if deemed appropriate.

Professional Service	PIN	Payment	Information
MedsCheck Annual for patients taking a minimum of 3 chronic Rx medications			
MedsCheck Annual ODB recipients	93899979	\$60 per year	Valid Pharmacist ID with claim codes – PS: professional services
MedsCheck Annual Non-ODB recipients	93899979	\$60 per year	Valid Pharmacist ID Patient's Ontario Health card Patients Date of Birth Gender ('F' female; 'M' male) Intervention codes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PS: Professional services - ML Established eligibility coverage (i.e., 1 day of the Plan 'S' coverage) - Carrier ID: 'S' (plan code for non-ODB MedsCheck Service plan)
MedsCheck Follow-up for patients taking a minimum of 3 chronic Rx medications			
Hospital Discharge	93899981	\$25	Using valid PIN and as per ODB or non-ODB claims criteria noted above
Pharmacist Decision	93899982	\$25	
MD/RN(EC)Referral	93899983	\$25	
Hospital Admission	93899984	\$25	
MedsCheck Long-Term Care Home Residents - (Legislated requirement)			
Annual Payment per patient	93899985	\$90 once per year	Valid Pharmacist ID with claim codes – PS: professional services
Quarterly Monitoring per patient	93899986	\$50 up to 4 per year	Valid Pharmacist ID with claim codes – PS: professional services
MedsCheck at Home Assessment Summary - frail/elderly/isolated; not able to attend pharmacy			
Annual Payment per patient	93899987	\$150 per year/patient	Using valid PIN and as per ODB or non-ODB claims criteria noted above
MedsCheck for Diabetes for Ontarians living with type 1 or type 2 diabetes			
Annual Assessment Summary	93899988	\$75 per year/patient	Using valid PIN and as per ODB or non-ODB claims criteria noted above
Diabetes Assessment Follow-up	93899989	\$25	