

NOTICE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

January 5, 2009

10 DAYS LEFT until January 15, 2009

Renewal of the Health Network System (HNS) Agreement

If you have already sent in your renewal agreement this reminder does not apply to you. Please allow 8-12 weeks for processing.

By **January 15, 2009**, all operators of pharmacies ('Operators') must complete and sign the Health Network System (HNS) Subscription Agreement ('New Subscription Agreement'). This does not apply to new operators of pharmacies ('Operators') or those who changed ownership after the October 2008 notices regarding the expiry of the Agreements.

Please be reminded that failure by an Operator to execute the Agreement before January 15, 2009 will result in the suspension of that Operator's HNS account. In such cases the HNS account will be re-activated within five (5) business days of the Agreement being signed and submitted to the Ministry.

Claims may only be submitted by an Operator for reimbursement if the New Subscription Agreement is in place. Operators will not be able to make a claim through the HNS or be eligible for payment if the Operator's account is suspended.

Please ensure that **all 9 pages** of the agreement are faxed or mailed. Completed and signed agreements may be returned by:

Facsimile: (416) 327-8123

or

Mail: **Manager, Pharmaceutical Strategy**
Ontario Public Drug Programs Division
5700 Yonge Street, 3rd floor
Toronto, ON M2M 4K5

Given the volume of agreements which are being renewed, please allow **8-12 weeks for processing** and receiving a signed and dually executed copy of your agreement. Please refer to the BBS notice 8091 on proper completion of an agreement to minimize delays in processing.

For additional information and a copy of the agreement, please review the Executive Officer notices posted on the ministry website at the following link or posted through the BBS notices provided below:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/drugs/opdp_eo/eo_communiq.html

BBS 8085 posted October 2, 2008

BBS 8089 posted October 20, 2008

BBS 8091 posted October 29, 2008

BBS 8109 posted December 17, 2008

BBS 8112 posted December 22, 2008
BBS 8113 posted December 29, 2008

If you have any questions about the new Agreement, please send an email to:
PublicDrugPrgrms.moh@ontario.ca

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