

Subject: BBS No. 7004 posted January 15, 2007 Re: LTC Stock Replenishment Initiative

NOTICE TO PHARMACISTS

As you are aware, Ontario Government Pharmaceutical and Medical Supply Services (OGPMSS) (Government Pharmacy) centrally purchases and distributes Approved Non-Prescription Drugs (ANPDs) to Long-Term Care (LTC) homes. Drug Programs Branch (DPB) is responsible for the reimbursement of drugs provided to residents of LTC homes through the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program, including the cost of drugs provided as ANPDs.

Pharmacists have requested to be able to access ANPDs and pre-package this stock with prescription medications, since it has been a longstanding policy to not allow ANPD stock medications to be removed from the LTC homes.

As part of consultation related to Bill 102 (the *Transparent Drug System for Patients Act*), the Ministry agreed to consider allowing pharmacies to access Government Pharmacy stock to replenish pre-packaged ANPDs. The *Transparent Drug System for Patients Act* came into force on October 1, 2006.

The Ministry is pleased to announce that effective February 1, 2007, pharmacists will be permitted to order and receive solid oral dosage form ANPD stock directly from Government Pharmacy to be included with pre-packaged prescription medications which are provided to residents of LTC homes. This stock can only be dispensed to residents in homes governed by the *Charitable Institutions Act*, the *Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act*, or the *Nursing Homes Act* or to residents in homes governed by the *Homes for Special Care Act*.

This initiative is voluntary and requires that interested pharmacists obtain an account with OGPMSS to order and receive ANPD stock. Stock will be provided to pharmacies at no charge. New Client Application forms can be obtained by contacting Government Pharmacy by telephone at (416) 327-0837.

Pharmacies are required to submit claims on the Health Network System (HNS) for each ANPD prescription that is dispensed. For each ANPD item which is available to pharmacies, PINs are provided below and must be used for claim submission. No reimbursement will be provided and no additional charges can be passed on to the LTC homes or their residents.

The process for pharmacists will be as follows:

- 1) Pharmacist and LTC Home Administrator consult and agree to participate in this initiative.
- 2) Pharmacist contacts OGPMSS by telephone at (416)-327-0837 to request a New Client Application form.
- 3) Pharmacist completes the application form. On the application, the pharmacist must provide the ODP number of each LTC home for which services are provided that will be participating in the ANPD stock replenishment program.

4) Upon receipt of application, Government Pharmacy will send a fax to the LTC Administrator confirming the name of the servicing pharmacy and participation in the program.

5) Pharmacist will order and receive ANPD stock directly from Government Pharmacy for inclusion with prepackaged prescription medications.

6) Pharmacist will submit patient specific zero value claims on the HNS for each ANPD prescription that is dispensed, using the PINs provided below:

PIN	GENERIC NAME	STRENGTH	DOSAGE FORM
9857143	Acetaminophen	325mg	Tab
9857144	Acetaminophen	500mg	Tab
9857145	Acetylsalicylic Acid	325mg	Ent Tab
9857147	Acetylsalicylic Acid	650mg	Ent Tab
9857146	Acetylsalicylic Acid	325mg	Tab
9857238	Ascorbic Acid	500mg	Tab
9857149	Bisacodyl	5mg	Ent Tab
9850783	Chlorpheniramine Maleate	4mg	Tab
9850775	Cyproheptadine HCl	4mg	Tab
9850848	Dimenhydrinate	50mg	Tab
9850791	Diphenhydramine	25mg	Cap/Tab
9850805	Diphenhydramine	50mg	Cap/Tab
9857153	Docusate Sodium	100mg	Cap
9857154	Ferrous Gluconate	300mg	Tab
9851267	Ferrous sulfate	300mg	Tab
9857155	Grain & Citrus Fibre		Tab
9851186	Multivitamin and iron		Tab
9851178	Multivitamins		Tab

9854347	Potassium Chloride	8mEq	LA Cap
9857239	Potassium Chloride	8mEq	LA Tab
9857164	Sennosides A & B	8.6mg	Tab
9851194	Vitamin B cpd & C		Cap/Tab

Please be reminded that claims submitted on the HNS are subject to post-payment verification.

Any questions related to this initiative can be directed to the HNS Help Desk at 1(800) 668-6641.