

## Ontario Public Drug Programs

# Notice from the Executive Officer: Update regarding Strengthening Pharmacy Payment Management

May 1, 2018

Ontario previously amended the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act* (ODBA) and Ontario Regulation 201/96 made under the ODBA to enable the Executive Officer to temporarily adjust the amount paid to pharmacies for supplying a listed drug product under the Ontario Drug Benefit program. This temporary adjustment began September 1, 2017.

Due to an isolated processing error, the temporary adjustment was bypassed for the pay period 2018-03-23 to 2018-04-08 (payment date: April 30, 2018). As a result, no adjustments will be made to payments for this period. For this pay period, pharmacies will only receive a Summary Remittance Advice report if during this pay period a paper claim/reversal was processed, the ministry made an adjustment for a reason other than this temporary adjustment, or the pharmacy had a negative balance at the beginning or end of the pay period.

The temporary adjustment will resume for pay period 2018-04-09 to 2018-04-22 (payment date: May 15, 2018) at the usual adjustment rate and will continue as planned, until the earlier of February 28, 2019 or the end of the pay period in which the total payment adjustment threshold of \$35,000,000 is met.

### **Additional Information:**

#### **For pharmacies:**

Please call ODB Pharmacy Help Desk at: 1-800-668-6641

#### **For all other Health Care Providers and the Public:**

Please call ServiceOntario, Infoline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY 1-800-387-5559. In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282

