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Memorandum

To: **Primary Matrix Distribution Community Pharmacies, PEI Pharmacy Association**

From: Department of Health and Wellness Pharmacy Services (Pharmacare and Pharmaceutical Services), Tel: 902-368-4947

Date: September 24, 2025

Subject: **Administration of Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccine by Pharmacists**

The influenza vaccination season for community pharmacies will begin in the coming days:

- Matrix will provide the first shipment of influenza vaccines using a push strategy. These are anticipated to be delivered by **September 29**.
- After this initial shipment, pharmacies should order subsequent product directly from Matrix.
- Delivery will be available as per wholesaler contract with pharmacy (e.g. 5 days a week, next business day).
- Influenza vaccine to be supplied will be **Fluzone® TIV single dose pre-filled syringes and Flud® adjuvanted pre-filled syringes**.
- It is your responsibility to ensure you are ordering the correct PEI influenza vaccine from your wholesaler.
- **Per WEEK, the maximum quantity pharmacies will be permitted to order is 500 doses of Fluzone® TIV and 200 doses of Flud® adjuvanted.**
- A percentage of the Provincial Influenza vaccine stock has been designated for pharmacy. **Please order only what is anticipated to meet your immediate needs. Next day delivery should allow pharmacies to keep on hand stock to a minimum.**
- Pharmacies should not submit backorders or multiple same day orders for influenza vaccine.
- Specific ordering instructions will be provided by Matrix Distribution.
- Shoppers Drug Mart and Loblaws should only order influenza vaccine through Matrix Distribution.

Reimbursement:

- Residents with a valid Prince Edward Island Health Card Number are eligible to have the influenza vaccine administration fee billed electronically through Pharmacare.
- Pharmacies must submit claims for influenza immunization electronically through the AUTO program.
- Submit claims for reimbursement of the administration of the Fluzone® TIV vaccine using the DIN 02365707.
- Submit claims for reimbursement of the administration of the Flud® adjuvanted vaccine using the DIN 02362384.
- The day supply of an influenza vaccine claim should be 28 days.
- **Flud® adjuvanted vaccine is indicated for patients 65 years of age and older.**
- Prior to vaccinating, please attempt to verify in the Drug Information System or immunization record portal if a patient has already received an influenza vaccination during this flu season. PEI Pharmacare will only reimburse one administration fee per PHN unless the second vaccination is required for a child under the age of 9.
- **For residents without a PEI Health Card, pharmacies can bill the standard fee to CPHO using the attached manual billing form.**

Pharmacy Follow-Up:

- Please do not send vaccination information regarding Out of Province patients to PEI Pharmacare. Vaccination reports are to be sent to the Chief Public Health Office monthly using the attached **Manual Claims Form**.
- Please do not send any notification regarding store transfers of influenza vaccine to PEI Pharmacare. Contact the PEI Pharmacists Association for questions related to influenza vaccine transfer.
- Expired influenza vaccine may be destroyed by the immunizer. Quantities and type of vaccine must be reported to the CPHO for inventory management using the **Vaccine Wastage Reporting Form**.
- If at any point during the Influenza Vaccination season a pharmacy has vaccine that has been compromised due to a cold chain break, please notify CPHO immediately to determine if the vaccine can be used. Do not dispose of the vaccine as it will need to be returned to Provincial Pharmacy.