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**To: PEI Community Pharmacies**

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**Subject: Prince Edward Island Smoking Cessation Program Update**

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The PEI Smoking Cessation (SCP) program was launched in 2019 and is available for all PEI residents seeking to quit smoking or using other tobacco products. The program provides payer of last resort coverage for nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) or cessation medications and is based on the Ottawa Model for Smoking Cessation.

The purpose of this memo is to provide a program update on the SCP Intake Form (NRT products) and billing code.

### **1.0 SCP Intake Form - NRT Products**

- 1.1 A copy of the intake form must be presented to pharmacies for the reimbursement of over-the-counter NRT products. The form must be signed by both the SCP intake provider (e.g. RN/RT) and the patient.
- 1.2 Patients are only eligible for the product and quantities specified on the intake form.
- 1.3 A pharmacy must retain a copy of this intake form. Claims without a copy of the signed intake form or claims submitted outside the parameters (quantity and product) of the intake form are subject to recovery upon audit.
- 1.4 If a patient presents to a pharmacy wanting to switch treatment options, they should be re-directed back to the SCP provider.
- 1.5 New intake forms will be prepared for patients if there is a change to the therapeutic approach (product, quantity and duration). The pharmacy should only submit claims based on the most recent intake form received.

## **2.0 Billing Code:**

### **Non-Prescription Medication:**

- 2.1 Please use the code *499* (the SCP prescriber code) to identify the prescriber when submitting reimbursement claims of over-the-counter NRT products to PEI Pharmacare.
- 2.2 Effective May 12<sup>th</sup>, Pharmacists will no longer be able to use their billing codes for reimbursement under the SCP.
- 2.3 Current billings using a pharmacist's billing code (license number) should be updated to the *499* billing code.

### **Prescription medications:**

- 2.4 For all prescription medications, pharmacies should use the actual prescriber's billing code.

The above information will be reflected on upcoming versions of the SCP Intake Form.

For additional information on the program, please visit the program website: [www.princeedwardisland.ca/quitsmoking](http://www.princeedwardisland.ca/quitsmoking) or contact the Provincial Tobacco Control Coordinator, at (902) 368-4319 or [quitsmoking@gov.pe.ca](mailto:quitsmoking@gov.pe.ca).