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## **ELECTRONIC CLAIMS PROCEDURES FOR PHARMACIST ADMINISTERED PUBLICLY FUNDED SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE**

The New Brunswick Prescription Drug Program (NBPDP), on behalf of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH), will manage the claims process for community pharmacies seeking reimbursement for pharmacist administration of publicly funded trivalent influenza vaccine (TIV) to the following individuals who meet the eligibility criteria for the Public Health (PH) seasonal influenza program:

- Children aged 5-18 years
- Adults aged 65 and older
- Individuals with identified chronic conditions aged 5 years and older, who are known to the pharmacist through regular dispensing of medication to treat such conditions and for whom an up to date patient medication profile is available (See Table 1 below for the list of chronic conditions).

NBPDP Plan “I” has been set-up to allow for electronic claims adjudication. A patient profile should be set-up as for any patient and must include the vaccine recipient’s name and address; Medicare number; date of birth and gender; date vaccine administered, name and lot number of the vaccine. For billing purposes, the following procedures and information are required.

- In the Patient ID field enter the patient’s NB Medicare number. Note: this also applies to NBPDP beneficiaries.
- In the Plan field enter “I”. Note: this also applies to NBPDP beneficiaries.
- In the Prescriber field enter “8000” plus the license number of the pharmacist administering the vaccine.
- In the Drug field enter the Fluviral<sup>®</sup> DIN: 02015986
- In the Drug Cost field(s) enter zero.
- In the Dispensing Fee field enter \$12.00.
- In the Intervention and Exception Code field enter the CPhA code “IB” for those individuals meeting at least one of the chronic conditions listed in Table 1 below.

Note: Regulation 2009-136, section 14 under the Public Health Act requires that those who administer a vaccine provide the recipient with a record of the immunization. A computer generated prescription receipt would satisfy this requirement.

<b>Table 1. Criteria for Pharmacist TIV Administration</b>	
Healthy Individuals	Individuals ≥ 5 years of age with chronic conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children aged 5-18 years</li> <li>▪ Adults aged 65 and older</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cardiac or pulmonary disorders (including bronchopulmonary dysplasia, cystic fibrosis, and asthma)</li> <li>▪ Diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases</li> <li>▪ Cancer, immunodeficiency, or immunosuppression (due to underlying disease and/or therapy)</li> <li>▪ Renal disease</li> <li>▪ Anemia, and hemoglobinopathy</li> <li>▪ Conditions that compromise the management of respiratory secretions and are associated with an increased risk of aspirations</li> <li>▪ Children ≥ 5 years and adolescents with conditions treated for long periods with acetylsalicylic acid</li> </ul>

**TIV Distribution Process:** All pharmacists who have notified the New Brunswick Pharmacists' Association of their intent to participate in the seasonal influenza campaign will be contacted by the Central Serum Depot with further details on distribution.