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Antiviral Prophylaxis for Declared Outbreaks in Closed Facilities following Pandemic (H1N1) Stockpile Release

In the event that an influenza outbreak occurs in a closed facility such as a nursing home or correctional facility, the provincial Pandemic Antiviral Stockpile may be dispensed for **prophylaxis** after the following conditions have been met:

- The attending physician or the facility's Medical Advisor/House Physician has consulted with the Regional Medical Officer of Health (RMOH) to determine if the cause of the outbreak is, or believed to be due to influenza.
- If the cause of the outbreak is determined to be, or likely to be, influenza, the RMOH will make general recommendations regarding disease control including prophylactic use of oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) in the facility. The responsibility for individual resident treatment decisions during an outbreak remain with the attending physician.
- If antiviral prophylaxis is recommended by the RMOH, the facility's Medical Advisor/House Physician or other designated staff will notify the facility's pharmacist to allow time to secure and dispense the quantity of antiviral required.

Claims Process for Antiviral Prophylaxis

- The pharmacist should document that an outbreak was declared prior to dispensing for prophylactic use from the provincial Pandemic Antiviral Stockpile.
- The claims process remains the same as previously described in Bulletin #770 (www.gnb.ca/0212/pdf/NBPDP_Bulletin/NBPDPBulletin770AntiviralStockpileReleaseOctober16,2009.pdf) and should be billed under the temporary NBPDP Plan C as follows:
 - A patient profile should be set-up as for any NBPDP beneficiary. In the patient ID field enter the generic ID 999999999. Note: this applies to NBPDP beneficiaries as well.
 - In the Plan field enter "C".
 - In the Drug Cost field(s) enter zero.
 - In the Dispensing Fee field enter \$9.40 for oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) capsules and \$14.10 for oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) compounded suspension.