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Over the Counter Product Sales of Exempted Codeine Products

Submitting Over the Counter (OTC) products to the drug plan for coverage without a valid prescription

The [Saskatchewan Formulary](#) lists the drugs covered by the Drug Plan. A prescription is required for all drugs dispensed under the Drug Plan, with the exception of insulin, blood-testing agents, urine-testing agents, syringes, needles, lancets and swabs used by diabetic patients.

Although the formulary doesn't specify a physician prescription is required, unless it falls under pharmacist prescriptive authority, an OTC medication would not be a Saskatchewan Drug Plan benefit. Exempted Codeine Products (ECPs) can be sold by a pharmacist, not prescribed, so ECPs would not be a Saskatchewan Drug Plan benefit.

Selling more than one package of ECPs at a time (i.e. 2 x 24 Mersyndol®)

According to the section 8 of Part J of the SCPP Regulatory Bylaws:

Exempted Codeine Products

[...] Except for quantities stated otherwise and pursuant to that authorized by a prescription, the licensed pharmacist, or pharmacy intern under the immediate supervision of a licensed pharmacist, may sell only one (1) consumer package of the Exempted Codeine Product per occasion.

Therefore, **no more than one package**, regardless of the package size of the Exempted Codeine Product, may be sold at one time.

Purchasing and or stocking ECPs

Only packages of up to 50 solid dosage units or 100mls of liquid product may be purchased or stocked for sale in Saskatchewan according to the SCPP Regulatory Bylaw, section 7 of Part J.

Note: this means larger stock bottles may not be purchased to fill prescription, nor to be broken down for resale into a 50-tablet-size package—only a manufactured package may be stocked and sold to the public. Prescriptions for more than 50 tablets will require the use of more than one 50-unit package of the manufacturer's product.

Prohibited Drugs

(a) all Exempted Codeine Products offered for retail sale in a solid dosage form including tablets, capsules, gel caps, and other similar dosage forms in a package size exceeding fifty (50) units, and in liquid preparations exceeding package sizes of one hundred (100) ml [...]

CPDPP: Injection Skills Refresher

March 13, 2020

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Diagnosing, Managing and Caring for Complex Edema

March 20, 2020

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Older Adults Conference 2020

March 28, 2020

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April 2, 2020

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Coalition of Pharmacists Caring for Aging Canadians (CPCAC) Scientific Meetings

May 9, 2020

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For up-to-the-minute information, news and events, visit the homepage of the SCPP website: www.saskpharm.ca.

MicroSCOPE is published by the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP) and may include decisions on matters such as regulations, drug schedule changes, etc. MicroSCOPE is emailed to all active members of the College and therefore SCPP assumes all members are aware of these matters.

To download a PDF of this e-newsletter, click [here](#).

Pharmacy Technicians Added to SHIRP Membership

The Saskatchewan Health Information Resources Program (SHIRP) is a program of the University of Saskatchewan Library that licenses a sub-set of the University Library's health sciences e-resources for access by Saskatchewan's licensed health care practitioners, post-secondary institution students and employees, and employees of the Ministry of Health and designated health related organizations.

Until recently, pharmacy technicians were not recognized on SHIRP's occupations list. As pharmacy technicians are licensed healthcare practitioners, they have now been included. Interns are not licensed practitioners and will therefore continue to be excluded from membership in SHIRP.

SHIRP resources are embedded into the libraries at the [University of Saskatchewan](#), [University of Regina](#), [Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#), and the [Saskatchewan Health Authority](#). Pharmacy professionals can also access SHIRP through the [Pharmaceutical Information Program \(PIP\)](#).

211 Saskatchewan and HealthLine 811

An initiative of the United Way, 211 is the "front door" to a wide range of over 5,500 community, social, non-clinical health, and government services across the province.

211 Saskatchewan is a free, confidential tool that helps people find and navigate services. In addition to searching on the website (www.sk.211.ca), individuals can call 2-1-1, text 2-1-1, or go online to chat with a community navigator to help find services they need.

Access to community, social, non-clinical health and government services is available 24/7/365. Over 175 languages, including 17 Indigenous languages, are available over the phone, and the website features the google translate tool.

How can people access services?

A person can speak with a Community Navigator by:

- Phone: Dial 211 from a landline or cellphone
- Web Chat: visit sk.211.ca/contact_us to start a chat
- Text: text "Hello" to 211

Out-of-province phone call: Dial 1-306-751-0397

HealthLine 811

An initiative of the Government of Saskatchewan, HealthLine 811 is a confidential, 24-hour health and mental health and addictions advice, education and support telephone line available to the people of Saskatchewan. It is staffed by experienced and specially trained Registered Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses, and Registered Social Workers.

HealthLine 811 is free. Services are offered in English, with translation available in over 100 languages.

How does HealthLine 811 work?

A licensed healthcare professional gives caller options and information to help with health or mental health and addictions-related questions or concerns. A registered nurse will assess symptoms and help decide whether to self-treat, go to a clinic, see a primary

health care provider, or access emergency medical care, if necessary.

HealthLine 811 also provides mental health and addictions support. HealthLine's registered Psychiatric Nurses and Registered Social workers can offer crisis support and advice, and can provide connections to community resources.

Reference Manual Document Updates

The documents below have been revised or are new. A brief summary for each document is listed below.

[Administration of Drugs by Injection and Other Routes – Standards, Guidelines – Revised](#)

Administration of Drugs by Injection and Other Routes Guidelines and *Supplementary Guidelines* have been updated and combined into one document that outlines standards of practice and policies, including those relevant to the Seasonal Influenza Program, and other publicly-funded and non-publicly funded vaccines.

[Administration of Drugs by Injection and Other Routes FAQs – Revised](#)

This updated document answers common questions regarding Advanced Method Certification, cold chain management, documentation and the Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program.

[Disease Prevention and Travel Health Services FAQs – New](#)

This document answers common questions regarding training, pharmacy operations and integration with Saskatchewan Public Health.

[Needlestick Injury Guidelines – Revised](#)

This updated document contains important self-protection measures for all pharmacy staff members on how to prevent needlestick injuries in the workplace. It also outlines what to do in the event of a needlestick injury.

[Patient Self-Administered Injections Guidelines – Revised](#)

This document has been updated for Pharmacists to use when counselling patients on performing self-administered injections. This contains an important Safe Practice Alert reminder that insulin pens are for single-patient-use only and should never be used for more than one person.

[Record Keeping Requirements – Summary – Revised](#)

This document provides further clarity around what is considered a patient record versus a prescription for the purposes of record retention.