

For our Pharmacy Providers

Summer 2002

NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to the summer 2002 edition of our NIHB quarterly newsletter. We are now in our fourth year of operations as the claims processor for the NIHB Program of the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) of Health Canada.

Again, we would like to thank you for your support as you continue to provide quality health services to First Nations and Inuit clients of the NIHB Program.

As always, your comments and questions are welcome. Please contact our Toll-Free Inquiry Centre Representatives at **1-888-511-4666**, or send your correspondence to:

FCH Provider Relations
3080 Yonge Street, Suite 3002
Toronto ON M4N 3N1

SUMMER 2002 UPDATES TO THE NIHB DRUG BENEFIT LIST (DBL)

Please find attached the summer 2002 updates to the NIHB Drug Benefit List (DBL). The updates list all changes to the April 1, 2002 NIHB DBL. It includes additions, replacement DINS, limited use benefits, drugs removed from the Canadian market and discontinued drugs effective July 1, 2002.

The revised NIHB DBL as well as the updates can be downloaded online at the following Internet address:

www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fnihb/nihb/pharmacy/drugbenefitlist

Should you have any questions, please contact our Toll-Free Inquiry Centre Representatives at **1-888-511-4666**.

EXTEMPORANEOUS MIXTURES CONTAINING EXCEPTION OR LIMITED USE DRUGS

As of July 1, 2002, please be advised that extemporaneous mixtures containing exception or limited use drugs must be prior-approved by the NIHB Drug Exception Center (DEC). Upon contacting DEC, an analyst will gather the necessary details, including the extemporaneous mixture pseudo-DIN and pricing information, in order to set up a prior approval.

Once approved, a second line item will be added to the NIHB Prior Approval Confirmation Letter that lists the DIN of the exception or limited use drug included in the mixture. This second line item is of no concern to the pharmacy when billing and is only being recorded for

information and audit purposes. No dollar values are associated with this line item.

Upon receipt of the NIHB Prior Approval Confirmation Letter, the pharmacy may proceed with billing using the Extemporaneous Mixture pseudo-DIN, referencing the prior approval number provided.

Claims submitted for extemporaneous mixtures containing exception or limited use drugs without a prior approval number will be subject to reversal.

MS&E PRIOR APPROVALS – YUKON TERRITORY

Yukon Territory providers are reminded that, effective April 15, 2002 MS&E items requiring prior approval must now be obtained from the Northern Secretariat at the following address:

Medical Supplies & Equipment Analyst
Non-Insured Health Benefits
Northern Secretariat
First Nations and Inuit Health Branch
60 Queen Street, 14th Floor
Address Locator 3914A
Ottawa ON K1P 5Y7

Tel.: **1-888-332-9222**
Fax: **1-800-949-2718**

PHARMACY CLAIM FORM - DATE FORMAT

Please note that dates to be used on paper claim form submissions must always follow the **DD/MM/CCYY** format.

Failure to use the format indicated may result in claim rejection since the submitted date will not match the date on the system (e.g. in the case of dates of birth).

FCH PROVIDER NUMBER

Providers are reminded to indicate their FCH Provider Number and full pharmacy provider name on all paper claims submitted for processing. Failure to do so will result in the claim being returned for completion. The correct provider number is indicated on every correspondence mailed out.

**NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER AND FAX NUMBER
FOR THE NISGA'A VALLEY HEALTH BOARD**

Pharmacy providers requiring prior approvals for services to Nisga'a First Nations must call 1-888-233-2212 or (250) 633-5000, or fax requests to the Nisga'a Valley Health Board NIHB office at (250) 633-2512.

For information on Nisga'a First Nations client eligibility, or to obtain information on the Nisga'a Valley Health Board drug plan, please contact the Nisga'a Valley NIHB Office at 1-888-233-2212.

The Nisga'a Valley Health Board represents the following First Nations Bands:

- 671 - Gingolx (Kincolith)
- 677 - Gitlakdamix (New Aiyanih)
- 678 - Lakalzap (Greenville)
- 679 - Gitwinksihlkw (Canyon City)

Attached are replacement pages for your NIHB Pharmacy/MS&E Provider Information Kit (PPIK). Please remove the existing pages and insert the revised ones.