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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PHARMACY PROVIDERS

Non-Insured Health Benefits Program: Changes in Policy for Coverage of Gabapentin and Pregabalin

For client safety, the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program will make the following changes to the maximum dose and day supply reimbursed per month for a client for gabapentin and pregabalin:

- The dose limit for gabapentin will be reduced to 3600 mg per day;
- A 30-day maximum dispense policy will be applied to both gabapentin and pregabalin.

These new dose and day supply limits will be implemented region-by-region, starting with the following regions. Implementation dates for other regions will be announced in future communications.

- October 7, 2019: Atlantic, Quebec, British Columbia and Northern Territories
- November 4, 2019: Saskatchewan

For clarification or questions, and to request prior approval for clients who exceed this limit, providers should call the Drug Exception Centre at 1-800-580-0950.