

***Information for Pharmacists***

**Claims Submission Procedure –  
Manitoba Prescription Birth Control Program**

***Effective October 1, 2024***

**Please include this Procedure in your Drug Programs Information  
Network (DPIN) Manual under Section 4: Claims Submission.**

- This Claims Submission Procedure (CSP) for the Manitoba Prescription Birth Control Program (MPBCP) applies to community pharmacy dispensation of birth control medications covered under The Prescription Drugs Cost Assistance Act to eligible Manitoba residents with active Manitoba Health coverage who do not have 100% coverage under another government funded program;
  - Not eligible for MPBCP: Clients with federal or other provincial drug coverage where no deductibles apply (including clients enrolled in Manitoba’s Personal Care Home, Employment and Income Assistance [EIA], and Palliative Care Drug Access Program)
  - Eligible for MPBCP: Clients enrolled in the Manitoba Pharmacare program, and clients ELIGIBLE to enroll in Pharmacare because they do not have coverage under another federal or provincial government drug program.
- Pharmacies must submit MPBCP claims to Drug Program Information Network (DPIN) under the Public Health (PH) Carrier Code, 06.
- Pharmacies may charge a **maximum \$14 professional fee** for medications dispensed through MPBCP. For clarity, pharmacies may charge a professional fee of \$14 or the pharmacy’s Usual and Customary (U&C) Fee, whichever is lower.
- **Oral Contraceptives – Professional Fee Coverage**  
Manitoba will reimburse pharmacies for **up to a maximum of one (1) professional fee per three (3) months** for oral contraceptive medications dispensed and covered under MPBCP. Note – this does not apply to other contraceptive medications such as IUDs, implants, etc.
  - “Three (3) months” refers to a 90-day period or 84-day cycle.
  - For clarity, this does not prevent or restrict any pharmacy from dispensing any product, including oral contraceptive medications dispensed and covered under MPBCP, at a frequency more often than once every three (3) months.
  - If a pharmacy dispenses less than a three (3) month supply of oral contraceptives to a client, the pharmacy **must** split the professional fee such that no more than one (1) professional fee is claimed per three (3) months.
    - For example, if the maximum \$14 U&C Fee applies, a pharmacy may claim the following professional fees for dispensing oral contraceptives:
      - 1 month of oral contraceptives – \$4.67
      - 2 months of oral contraceptives – \$9.33
      - 3 months of oral contraceptives – \$14.00

- Before submitting a MPBCP claim to DPIN under the Public Health carrier code – carrier code 06 – the following must be undertaken;
  1. The client must be asked to self-declare whether they are eligible for coverage under a federal drug program, and if so, the claim must be processed under that federal program. Pharmacies must keep a record of the individual’s response to this inquiry that corresponds with each MPBCP dispensation.
  2. If the client declares they do not have coverage under a federal drug program, the client must be asked to self-declare whether they are eligible for coverage under any of the following provincial drug programs (and if so, the claim must be processed under the associated carrier code; pharmacies must keep a record of the individual’s response to this inquiry that corresponds with each MPBCP dispensation):
    - Personal Care Home – carrier code 02
    - Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) – carrier code 03
    - Palliative Care – carrier code 04
- Birth control medications covered through MPBCP are listed on the webpage: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/contraceptives.html>. If there are any discrepancies between the list on this webpage and the Manitoba Drug Benefits Formulary, the Formulary prevails. Medications covered under MPBCP are covered up to the cost of the lowest cost generic in a category as set out in the Manitoba Drug Interchangeability Formulary.

If your questions are not answered by reviewing the Claims Submission Procedures and FAQs posted at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare/healthprofessionals.html>

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