



Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists
Manitoba Branch

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Ms. Beth Beaupre
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Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors
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Dear Ms. Beaupre

On behalf of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists - Manitoba Branch, I am writing to express our support for the issues raised by the Manitoba Society of Pharmacists (MSP) in their recent letter to you, a copy of which is included with this letter.

The Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) is the national voluntary organization of pharmacists committed to patient care through the advancement of safe, effective medication use in hospitals and other collaborative healthcare settings, such as primary care clinics.

Pharmacists have extensive expertise and skills, and are one of the most accessible health care professions in the province. We believe that the people of Manitoba will be able to benefit greatly from pharmacists providing the many health services, including administration of publicly funded vaccines, enabled by the Pharmacy Act and Regulations. Given rates of immunization are low in Manitoba (1), pharmacists are in a unique position to educate the public on vaccine-preventable illness and the low risk of adverse health outcomes related to vaccine use.

In order to enable Manitobans to benefit from pharmacist delivered health services to the greatest extent, we believe that pharmacists must be fairly compensated for providing these services. Fair compensation will ensure ongoing resources are available to provide these important services that optimize patient care.

CSHP-Manitoba Branch is of the understanding that MSP did not have an opportunity to engage in discussion about pharmacist compensation for providing publically funded vaccinations. We urge you to engage MSP and the entire profession of pharmacy in a collaborative manner regarding financial recognition for health services provided by pharmacists.

Sincerely,

Patrick Fitch
President, Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists-Manitoba Branch

1. 2012/13 WRHA Influenza Immunization Campaign Report.
http://home.wrha.mb.ca/prog/pph/surveillance/files/2012-13Influenza_PneumococcalReport.pdf. Accessed 22 July 2014.

Cc: Honourable Erin Selby, Minister of Health
Ms. Karen Herd, Deputy Minister of Health
Mr. Scott McFeetors, President, Manitoba Society of Pharmacists
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