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TO: All Practising Pharmacy Professionals; Extended and Student Interns; Pharmacists in Process of Obtaining Licensure

FROM: SCPP

RE: Resources for Prescribing Drugs Under Level I Authority

Dear Members,

In an effort to assist members with their questions regarding Level 1 Prescribing Authority, a variety of resources have been put in place to help you navigate the changes in Part K.

TRANSITION:

- [Scope of Practice Updates Webpage](#) – Landing page for all the latest updates on Part K, as they become available. Includes copies of all SCPP communication, links to webinars, and handouts.
- [Overview of Changes to Part K of Bylaws](#) – Changes that complement existing practice.
- [Part K - Frequently Asked Questions](#) – Answers questions received since December 21, 2023 on assorted topics (e.g. prescribing drugs/natural health products/devices, dispensing, pharmacy software data entry, billing, compensation, and Level II prescribing). This document is sectioned into categories, and you can easily search to see if your question or a similar question and response has already been documented before reaching out to the College. Also note, all of the questions received during the live Q and A have been added to this document and have been marked with an asterisk (*).

UNDERSTANDING BYLAWS & POLICIES FOR PRESCRIBING DRUGS (PART K):

- Webinars – overview of Part K regulatory framework
 - [Level 1 Prescribing Authority \(Dec 2023\)](#) (60 mins)
 - [Level 1 Prescribing Authority - Q & A \(Feb 2024\)](#) (30 mins)
 - [Level 1 Prescribing Authority – Practice Scenarios \(March 2024\)](#) (15 mins) ***new – as requested by members.**
- Reference Manual Documents
 - [General Provisions for Prescribing Authority](#) – general requirements that apply to all prescribing of drugs.
 - [Level 1 Prescribing Authority \(Practitioner-Initiated\)](#) - when working off a Rx issued by a practitioner.
 - [Level 1 Prescribing Authority \(Structured\)](#) – minor ailments and formulary management initiatives enacted jointly by the Ministry of Health and SCPP (these would be special enactments and members would receive specific communication for the start and stop dates as well as any standards and expectations)

- [Level 1 Prescribing Authority \(Pharmacist-Initiated\)](#) – initiating prescriptions for self-limiting conditions to obtain private or public coverage permitted by the payor.

Note: It is highly recommended that you read the “General Provisions” plus the document specific to the prescribing authority pertaining to your question or situation (e.g., pharmacist-initiated).

- Handouts
 - [Overview of Prescribing Authority Framework](#) – helps to identify which of the prescribing authority reference documents applies to the situation.
 - [Prescribing Authority Tools for Patient Situations](#).
 - [Bylaw Examples](#) – Additional scenarios to illustrate application of new bylaws.

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS AFTER USING THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES PROVIDED ABOVE:

Billing for Professional Services:

- The Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEPB) has advised that all policies and billing process for currently available prescribing authority services remain status quo. Contact the DPEPB for questions regarding current policies and billing/fees.
- The DPEPB will communicate directly with pharmacies should there be any updates to the policies and processes in the future.

Compensation for new Pharmacy Professional Services related to expanded scope of practice – contact the Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan.

If you still have questions about the bylaws/policies after using the resources provided above you can send your question to the appropriate staff member below and they will re-direct your question for a response.

- Policy interpretation questions may be directed to nicole.pulvermacher@saskpharm.ca
- Practice implementation questions may be directed to emily.thompson-golding@saskpharm.ca

Thank you,

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