



Message to Regina Pharmacies

Pharmacy Suspension Notice: Dewdney Drugs (1986) Ltd. – Update

Dewdney Drugs (1986) Ltd. was closed as of 4:00 p.m. Thursday May 2, 2019 and will remain closed pending further communication from this office.

The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP) has contacted Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB), the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) to relay the closure and relevant information.

Patients will be unable to access any medication which was filled that they did not pick up from Dewdney Drugs prior to its closure on May 2, 2019. It is also not possible to transfer prescriptions from the pharmacy, as the information required to transfer a prescription cannot be obtained from a licensed pharmacist on the premises of Dewdney Drugs. In addition, SCPP believes that the information in the Pharmaceutical Information Program may not be accurate and asks pharmacists to verify refill history directly with the patient.

This situation will require pharmacists to assist patients in obtaining a new prescription for their medications by either contacting the practitioner on the patient's behalf, directing the patient to contact their practitioner, or using prescriptive authority when appropriate.

Communication posted to the SCPP website on Friday in our bulletin-board section includes guidance from NIHB in regards to billing prescriptions for patients covered by NIHB. Please refer to the SCPP website Bulletin-Board regarding notice for [NHIB clients](#).

The DPEBB has confirmed that the 'three fills within 45 days' duplicate message may appear when adjudicating claims for patients who had their last prescription filled at Dewdney Drugs. Pharmacists are asked to contact DPEBB in order to process any claims.

SCPP has also contacted CPSS to request that they send communication to physicians in Regina about the pharmacy closure and the implications to patients and pharmacies, the need for new prescriptions for medications which cannot be transferred, including narcotic and controlled drugs, previously transferred benzodiazepines and medications which cannot be prescribed by pharmacists as per the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA).

Any further questions or clarification can be directed to the SCPP office via info@saskpharm.ca or by contacting the office at **(306)-584-2292**.