



Promoting the appropriate use,
and reducing the abuse and misuse of monitored drugs in Nova Scotia.

Important Information for DIS Pharmacies Targeted Substances and Out-of-province Prescribers

With the implementation of the provincial Drug Information System (DIS), the Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Program (NSPMP) has begun to receive prescription information for targeted substances (i.e. benzodiazepines) from pharmacies that submit claims to the DIS.

In order for DIS pharmacies to process targeted substance prescriptions, prescribers must be registered with the NSPMP. Pharmacies will be able to process claims for targeted substances for Nova Scotia prescribers in the same manner as monitored drugs.

However, to process targeted substance prescriptions written by out-of-province prescribers, whom have not previously registered with the Program, the following process must be followed:

- Contact the NSPMP to advise that a claim for a targeted substance cannot be submitted due to the prescriber not being registered. The pharmacy will be required to provide the PMP with the prescriber's contact information.
- PMP will advise pharmacy staff to "queue" the claim until the Program can contact the prescriber and complete the registration process.
- Once the prescriber has registered with the Program, a PMP staff member will contact the pharmacy to advise that the "queued" claim can be submitted.

Please note that upon receipt of a completed prescriber registration form, the registration process takes approximately 1-2 business days to complete.

For questions related to this bulletin please contact the Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Program at 902-496-7123 or toll free at 1-877-476-7767.