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## VACCINATIONS BY PHARMACISTS BY QUARTER: 2009 – 2011

Pharmacists' participation in providing vaccinations is part of Immunize BC, the Strategic Framework for Immunization in BC that supports the principle of an immunization delivery system that includes health service providers from different disciplines who deliver programs in different settings. The table below lists publicly-funded vaccinations provided by pharmacists from October 2009 to March 2011. In 2009, Quarter 4 is largely made up of H1N1 vaccinations.

Year / Quarter / Months	Influenza	Pneumococcus
2009 / Quarter 4 / Oct – Dec	26,547	62
2010 / Quarter 1 / Jan – Mar	5,179	15
2010 / Quarter 2 / Apr – Jun	25	5
2010 / Quarter 3 / Jul – Sep	15	5
2010 / Quarter 4 / Oct – Dec	44,046	1,191
2011 / Quarter 1 / Jan – Mar	4,456	224
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,268</b>	<b>1,502</b>

**Source:** Policy, Outcomes Evaluation and Research; Pharmaceutical Services Division; Ministry of Health Services. Retrieved July 11, 2011; HealthIdeas. Data for the period Oct-01-2009 to Mar-31-2011.

The use of PharmaNet is not intended as a substitute for professional judgment.  
Information on PharmaNet is not exhaustive and cannot be relied upon as complete.

The absence of a warning about a drug or drug combination is not an indication that the drug or drug combination is safe, appropriate or effective in any given patient. Health care professionals should confirm information obtained from PharmaNet, and ensure no additional relevant information exists, before making patient care decisions.

## MEDICATION REVIEW SERVICES – REVISED REQUIREMENTS

In December 2010, as part of the Pharmacy Service Agreement (PSA), the province committed to investing \$10 million into B.C. pharmacies for clinical services and an enhanced rural incentive program in 2011/12. As part of this commitment, the ministry announced on March 25, 2011 that \$8.2 million of this investment was being allocated to medication review services ([PharmaCare Newsletter 11-004](#)).

Pharmacist participation in providing medication review services has been very successful since payment for these services became available on April 1, 2011. Over 50,000 B.C. residents have received a medication review since this initiative began.

The Ministry has received feedback from pharmacists, patients and other stakeholders on how to improve the delivery of medication review services. In order to address this feedback and to ensure that this successful initiative is sustainable now and into the future, the Ministry has collaborated with the BC Pharmacy Association and Canadian Association of Chain Drugstores and consulted with the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia (CPBC). The resulting revised policies and procedures are set forth in Version 2 of the “Medication Review Services – Guidelines for Pharmacists” document which will be available online on **July 20, 2011**. Please note Version 2 replaces Version 1 of the guidelines.

The most substantial changes have been made to:

- **Patient eligibility:** requirements have been revised to focus service delivery on those patients most in need.

**Effective August 1, 2011, a patient must have at least seven medications\* that have been entered into PharmaNet within the last six months to be eligible for any of the three medication review services.**

\*Medications are defined as any prescription medication, non-prescription drug product, compounded drug product, and/or injection that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) or Product Identification Number (PIN).

- **Documentation requirements:** requirements have been formalized to comply with standards of practice, legislation and policy, and to promote consistency of reporting.
- **Documentation templates:** new templates have been developed to better capture the information required from patients and document the service provided.

The updated requirements for medication review services are effective **August 1, 2011**. All medication review services conducted from that date forward must adhere to the updated requirements to qualify for payment. Payment per service is not changing. **Claims for services that do not meet eligibility requirements will not be paid or if they have been, will be subject to recovery.**

### NEW MEDICATION REVIEW SERVICES GUIDELINES AVAILABLE JULY 20, 2011

Please see Version 2 of the “Medication Review Services – Guidelines for Pharmacists” document at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/medrevguide.pdf](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/medrevguide.pdf) for all the policy changes regarding patient eligibility, new documentation requirements, and other updated requirements related to providing medication review services.

## “Medication Review Services – Guidelines for Pharmacists” (Version 2) — Overview

The following is a summary of the sections that have been updated or added in Version 2 of the “Medication Review Services – Guidelines for Pharmacists” document:

1. Introduction – **Updated**
2. General Terms and Conditions Section
  - Determining Patient Eligibility – **Updated**
  - Obtaining Patient Consent – **New**
  - Delivering the Services – **Updated**
  - Required Documentation – **Updated**
  - Documentation Templates – **New and Updated**
  - Obtaining Payment for Services – **Updated**
  - Submitting Claims for Payment – **Updated**
  - Reconciling Payments – **New**
3. Terms and Conditions for Individual Services Section
  - Medication Review – Standard – **Updated**
  - Medication Review – Pharmacist Consultation – **Updated**
  - Medication Review – Follow-up – **Updated**

## BC MEDICATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT — CLARIFICATION

Participating pharmacies should note that while the medication review services patient eligibility criteria have changed, those for the BC Medication Management Project (BCMMP) have not. To be eligible for this service, patients require only one medication in their PharmaNet record at the time of the review. The BCMMP project continues to run until the end of January 2012. For patients interested in participating in this project, please refer to [www.medsforme.ca/bc-medication-management-project](http://www.medsforme.ca/bc-medication-management-project).

## SPECIAL SERVICES FEES

The number of Special Services fees that PharmaCare paid each month over the past year:

Jun 2011 .....1,921	Feb 2011..... 1,262	Oct 2010 .....1,978
May 2011 ....1,959	Jan 2011 ..... 1,283	Sep 2010 .....2,211
Apr 2011 .....1,654	Dec 2010..... 2,322	Aug 2010.....2,170
Mar 2011 ....1,556	Nov 2010 ....2,134	Jul 2010 .....1,999