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Dear Health Care Provider:

### **NEW: DPIN immunization records now in Provincial Immunization Registry**

Vaccines obtained at a pharmacy since October 1, 2015 will be entered into the provincial immunization registry via an electronic interface with Manitoba's Drug Program Information Network (DPIN). Immunizations administered by pharmacists prior to October 1, 2015 were entered manually. All immunization records in the provincial immunization registry are also available in eChart.

The interface went live on February 24, 2016 where 78,395 pharmacy-provided immunizations since October 1, 2015 were transferred into the registry. The majority of these vaccines were influenza (>50,000), Hepatitis A and B vaccines (>10,000), and Zoster vaccines (4,000).

DPIN entries represent the date vaccines were **dispensed**. These will include those that are administered by the pharmacist, but will also include non-publicly funded immunizations that have been dispensed by the pharmacist and taken to another health care professional for administration. Therefore, there may be two dates for the one immunization – the dispensed date and the administered date, if subsequently submitted by another provider. The analysis of the DPIN data from October 1 – January 31, 2016 reveals less than one percent (approximately 700) are duplicate immunization records.

Duplicate records will be displayed in the provincial immunization registry. The majority of these will be related to non-publicly funded vaccines. If the dates are the same, eChart will display only one immunization record. Duplicates will not impact the routine immunization forecast for further doses on the client immunization record, as any duplicate doses will be marked as invalid if the dates are within the minimum recommended interval between doses. For non-publicly funded vaccines, providers should verify administration dates with the client if pharmacy dispensed, and ensure minimum intervals between doses are met.

Over time, duplicates may decrease as more immunizations are administered by pharmacists. In addition, duplicates may be identified at the time of manual data entry for non-publicly funded vaccines and corrected.

Please contact your local public health office if you have questions about the information in a client's immunization record or require corrections/deletion to an immunization record.

The addition of the DPIN immunization records is a significant improvement in ensuring the provincial immunization registry captures all vaccines administered in Manitoba, including non-publicly funded vaccines.

Thank you for sharing this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

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