

May 11, 2018

Dear Health Care Provider:

As you are aware, the *Prescription Monitoring Act* came into effect on January 2, 2018. The Act provides the legislative authority for the Prescription Monitoring Program – NL.

The purpose of the Program is to help prescribers and dispensers make the most informed decisions when choosing to administer or dispense a monitored drug. Subsection 7(2) of the Act, the provision requiring prescribers to view a patient's medication profile prior to prescribing a monitored drug (opioid and tramadol), comes into effect on **June 30, 2018**.

Utilizing the provincial electronic health record, HEALTHe NL, health professionals have access to up-to-date and accurate patient medications profiles that supports clinical decision-making and their patients' health care needs. The Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information provides access to HEALTHe NL. If you require an account, please contact Raleen Murphy at raleen.murphy@nlchi.nl.ca or (709) 752-6107.

To aid in the utilization of the provincial electronic health record, the Department of Health and Community Services (HCS) has updated the Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads to include a check box allowing the health provider to verify that the provincial electronic health record was reviewed and the time of day the review occurred.

HCS will be sending copies of the updated Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads to all health care providers who have ordered pads between January 2014 and present date. Health care providers who do not receive pads by June 13, 2018 are asked to complete the attached Request Form and fax it to the Department to ensure they have new pads on hand prior to effective date June 30, 2018. Pharmacies will no longer accept prescriptions on the older pads after this date.

Health care providers must return all old Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads to the Department for destruction upon receipt of the updated pads.

Please note: HCS will be adding tramadol to its list of monitored substances in the Tamper Resistant Drug Pad Program effective June 30, 2018.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the department at (709) 729-6507.

Sincerely yours,

Pharmaceutical Services Division

REQUEST FOR TAMPER RESISTANT PRESCRIPTION PADS

Please Indicate:

- Initial Supply (New Registrant)
- Re-order

Please forward _____ Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads to the following:

qty. of pads
(50 prescriptions/pad)

Please print as you wish it to appear on the prescription pad.

Prescriber Name: _____

Practice Address: _____

Practice Phone Number: _____

Practice Fax Number: _____

Prescriber license #:

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Address to Ship Pads to:

(PO Box's not acceptable)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Fax Completed Form to (709) 729-7680

Office Use Only:

Processed By: _____

Date: _____

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45 Major's Path, St. John's, NL, A1A 4Z9
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REQUEST FOR TAMPER RESISTANT PRESCRIPTION PADS (Facility)

Please Indicate:

- Initial Supply
 Re-order

Please forward _____ Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads to the following:

_____ **qty. of pads**
(50 prescriptions/pad)

Please print as you wish it to appear on the prescription pad.

Facility Name: _____

Facility Address: _____

Facility Phone Number: _____

Facility Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address to Ship Pads to:
(PO Box's not acceptable) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Fax Completed Form to (709) 729-7680

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