

BACKGROUND:

Seniors' Drug Plan

- Starting July 1, 2008, eligible seniors 65 years and older will pay only \$15 per prescription for drugs listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary and those approved under Exception Drug Status.
- Seniors' Drug Plan eligibility is determined by age and the income reported to the Canada Revenue Agency. Seniors must:
 1. Be a Saskatchewan resident 65 years of age or older with a valid Saskatchewan Health card.
 2. Be eligible for the federal age credit, which is based on the annual net income reported on Line 236 of their income tax form in the previous year.

To be eligible for coverage in the current year, the individual senior's annual net income reported in 2006 must be less than \$64,044.

- Seniors who are covered under federal government programs, such as the federal Non-Insured Health Benefits Program or Veterans Affairs are not eligible for the Seniors' Drug Plan.
- Under the new Seniors' Drug Plan, each eligible Saskatchewan senior is required to complete an application for coverage. Once the application is processed by the Drug Plan, seniors will receive a letter in the mail to either verify that they have been approved for coverage or notify you if you do not meet the eligibility requirements.
- If coverage is approved, seniors will immediately receive their \$15 benefit at the pharmacy counter.
- Some seniors are currently paying less than \$15 for their prescriptions because they have additional drug coverage. Those seniors paying less than \$15 per prescription will continue to do so.

Children's Drug Plan

- Starting July 1, 2008, the Children's Drug Plan will be available to all Saskatchewan children 14 years of age and under. Families with eligible children will pay only \$15 per prescription for drugs listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary and those approved under Exception Drug Status.
- No application for coverage is required; families will receive the benefit at the pharmacy.

Complete Seniors' Drug Plan and Children's Drug Plan information is available at www.health.gov.sk.ca/prescription-drugs.