

## **BACKGROUNDER**

### **Children's Drug Plan**

Children who have coverage under the following programs will continue to receive their prescriptions at no cost:

- Supplementary Health
- Family Health Benefits
- Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL)
- Palliative care programs

If a family already pays less than \$15 per prescription for their child, they will continue to do so. For example, if the child's medication is \$15 per prescription under the Children's Drug Plan, but \$11 under the Special Support program, the family will continue to pay \$11 for that prescription.

**The Children's Drug Plan does not include children who are covered under federal government programs, such as the federal Non-Insured Health Benefits Program.**

### **Seniors' Drug Plan**

Seniors' Drug Plan eligibility is determined by age and the income reported to the Canada Revenue Agency. To apply for the program, each eligible senior must complete and sign an application and consent form which is available at [www.health.gov.sk.ca/seniors-prescription-drug-plan](http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/seniors-prescription-drug-plan). Once approved for coverage, seniors will receive their eligible prescriptions for \$15 automatically at the pharmacy.

There will be no change in coverage for seniors who have:

- Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL) – Chronic Renal, Cystic Fibrosis, Para
- Palliative care programs

If a senior already pays less than \$15 per prescription, they will continue to do so. For example, if the senior's medication is \$15 per prescription under the Seniors' Drug Plan, but \$11 under the Special Support program, they will continue to pay \$11 for that prescription.

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.