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DATE: May 5th, 2021

TO: All care providers managing pregnant women (OB/GYN, Family Practice, Midwifery)

FROM: Dr Jennifer Hunt -- Medical Director, Manitoba Rh Program

SUBJECT: **Changes to pregnancy status/due date**

There have been several patients in recent weeks that have presented for their 28-week appointment either early (< 27 weeks) or late (>29 weeks). In each case there has been a change to the estimated due date (EDD) that has not been relayed to the Rh Clinic.

An accurate EDD is crucial to ensuring proper scheduling of Rh negative patients. The EDD that is documented at the time of the initial visit on the CBS Type & Screen requisition is often based on the last normal menstrual period (LNMP) and is subject to change once the patient has had obstetrical ultrasounds.

I would like to remind prenatal care providers that if there is a change in pregnancy status – either pregnancy loss, preterm delivery and/or change in estimated due date by > 7 days – that you must notify the RH Clinic of this change as soon as possible. The '**Change in Pregnancy Status**' form should be completed and faxed to the RH Clinic (fax 204-787-2873).

The use of this form will eliminate the need for the clinic staff to verify the correct due date when there is a discrepancy between the estimated due date (EDD) indicated Rh Ig Order Form and the original Type and Screen requisition and/or follow-up with patients that do not attend their scheduled 28-week appointment.

I have attached the updated version of the RH Clinic Information Package that is sent to every Health Care Provider. Consider having extra copies in your clinical areas. The '**Change in Pregnancy Status**' form should be reviewed at the time that the Rh Ig Order Form is completed.

Thank you in advance for your attention in this manner. Any concerns or questions may be directed to the Rh Clinic or directly to Dr. Hunt (jhunt@sbgh.mb.ca).

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