Provincial Clinical Communication

Manitoba Acute Care Drug Formulary & Provincial Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

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To: All Clinical Staff

Re: Manitoba Acute Care Drug Formulary — Provincial Launch Effective June 1, 2026

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Effective June 1, 2026, a single provincial formulary replaces all previous Regional Health Authority (RHA) formularies.

For full background and context, please refer to the previous memo dated March 2, 2026.

The following changes are now effective as of June 1, 2026:

- The acute care provincial formulary has been posted to the Provincial Pharmacy Shared Services (Provincial Formulary Resources) homepage and can be accessed via the following link: Shared Health Acute Care Formulary.
- All formulary addition, deletion, or change requests — including requests to modify existing restrictions or criteria for use — should be directed to the Provincial Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (PPTC) via the Formulary Addition or Change Request Web Form.
- Usage and approval of non-formulary medications should be documented using the new provincial Non-Formulary Usage Form. If the anticipated cost of the non-formulary medication meets or exceeds $500 per day or $3,000 for the full course of therapy, approval must first be obtained from the appropriate authority beyond the staff pharmacist level, in accordance with the approval thresholds under 600.105.109 Medication Non-Formulary Use.
- Pharmacy departments within each site and region will coordinate any drug distribution changes resulting from formulary-directed medication or dosage form consolidation. Careful consideration of which formulary items are routinely stocked at each site will also be coordinated regionally.
- Updates to the provincial electronic databases to reflect all formulary medication status with EPR or BDM may take several months to complete due to the large volume of edits. Any questions on formulary status of a medication can be directed to your regional or site pharmacy departments.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Thank you for your support in achieving this milestone in Manitoba.