

New Board Resolution Regarding On-Line System

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The Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Program initiated a new on-line system in July of 2005. Approximately 80% of all pharmacies in Nova Scotia are now on-line and submitting claims electronically.

The continued existence of 'off-line' pharmacies has provided some individuals with the ability to obtain monitored drugs for the purposes of diversion or abuse. In an effort to fulfill the Program's mandate of promoting the appropriate use of and reducing the abuse of monitored drugs, the NSPMP Board of Directors has passed the attached resolution.

This resolution requires that as of December 1, 2007, all pharmacists and pharmacies will be required to provide prescription information on monitored drugs to the Administrator in electronic format, through the on-line system.

The Board is aware that some situations will occur where a prescription cannot be entered electronically, and a policy will be established for the management of these individual items on an ongoing basis.

Questions about proceeding with implementation of the on-line program should be directed to the NSPMP Office. As well, pharmacists may wish to contact their software vendors for information on initiating the Program within their store.

Sincerely,



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