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Claims Eligibility Extended for One Year

The waiver of the in-person requirement for delivery of publicly funded assessment and prescribing services has been extended for one year to March 31, 2023. The virtual care eligibility and claims submission criteria for medication reviews for Pharmacare beneficiaries have also been extended to March 31, 2023. Provisions in the Pharmacy Guide (<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/pharmacare/documents/Pharmacy-Guide.pdf>) pertaining to virtual care apply until that date or until such time as a change to the date is communicated through the Pharmacare News Bulletin.

All claims for pharmacy services require criteria codes to indicate the method of service delivery. The code ED must be entered in the Intervention Code field and one of the following codes must be entered in the Special Authorization Code field for all service claims:

- 91 = In-person
- 92 = Telephone
- 93 = Video

Further, the provincial policy on Provision of Publicly Funded Virtual Health Services, which applies to public funded pharmacy professional services, remains in effect and can be viewed online at <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/Provision-of-Publicly-Funded-Virtual-Health-Services.pdf>.

Prescription Renewals for Pharmacy Closures

With the state of emergency ending and Public Health restrictions lifting, Pharmacy Closure Prescription Renewal services will no longer be eligible for public coverage effective April 1, 2022. The PINs for these services (93899831 and 93899830) will be deactivated on that date

New Diabetic Products

The following products are new listings to the Nova Scotia Formulary, **effective immediately**. The benefit status and reimbursement price within the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs is indicated.

PRODUCT	DIN/PIN	PRESCRIBER	BENEFIT STATUS	MFR
Tykess Blood Glucose Test Strips (50)	97799338	DNP	SFD	TKS
Tykess Blood Glucose Test Strips (100)	97799341	DNP	SFD	TKS