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### **Prescription Renewals for Pharmacy Closures**

With the provincial state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic ended, public coverage of fees for Pharmacy Closure Prescription Renewal Services will end March 31, 2022. The PINs (93899830, 93899831) will be deactivated as of April 1.

### **Documentation of Patient Consent No Longer Required for Audit Purposes for Service Claims**

Effective April 1, 2022, documentation of patient consent is no longer required for audit purposes for pharmacy professional services claims submitted to Pharmacare or to DHW for any resident. These include medication reviews, therapeutic substitution, prescription adaptation, assessment and prescribing services, and prescription renewals. Pharmacists are expected to continue to adhere to all relevant provisions in the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists' Standards of Practice when providing services.

### **Changes to Naloxone Kit Billing**

To support improved monitoring of naloxone kit usage, effective April 1, 2022, two new PINs will be in effect for billing of naloxone kits:

- Naloxone Kit - Initial or Regular Replacement: 96599960
- Naloxone Kit – Replacement when kit used: 96599961

The PIN 96599961 for “replacement when kit used” can be submitted by pharmacies when the customer voluntarily discloses that their previous kit was used. This PIN will replace the kit usage reporting form. All PINs have the same eligible fee of \$25 and all other claims submission requirements remain the same. The old PIN, 93899874 THN Program Admin Fee, will remain active until April 30, 2022, to allow pharmacies time to update their systems.