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Professional Memorandum

To: PEI Pharmacists

From: Council, PEI College of Pharmacists

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RE: Clarity of Therapeutic Substitution

The Adaptation and Therapeutic Substitution Regulations first came into effect December, 2013 and provided pharmacists with the ability to adapt and therapeutically substitute a prescription.

Pharmacists may substitute any drug in accordance with the Practice of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technician Regulations and the Practice Directives-Prescribing of Drugs by Pharmacists. Pharmacists must ensure that they have sufficient knowledge and understanding of the patient, the condition being treated, and patient specific circumstances when making a decision to substitute a prescription. Pharmacist must also document their prescribing decision using the Pharmacist Prescribing Notification Form and notify the physician of their prescribing decision. The prescribing record is then maintained for 10 years. Lastly, pharmacists will recognize and accept legal accountability for their prescribing decisions.

Although pharmacists have the ability to substitute any drug, with the exception of a narcotic, controlled drug or a benzodiazepine, not all drugs are eligible for reimbursement through the PEI Pharmacare Drug Programs. For more information on what is eligible for reimbursement, please visit the Health PEI website www.healthpei.ca/pharmacare.