



Date: December 18, 2002

To: Directors
Employment and Income
Assistance

From: Pam Goulet/John Petersen
Directors, Field Services
Employment and Income
Assistance
305 – 114 Garry Street
Winnipeg MB R3C 4V7

Telephone:

Subject **Palliative Care Drug Access Program**

As you may know, the Minister of Health recently announced that a new Palliative Care Drug Access Program (PCDAP) will be implemented on December 9, 2002. Manitobans who enroll in the PCDAP will receive coverage for drugs that are currently covered for patients who reside in hospitals or personal care homes.

The implementation of this new program does not affect Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) participants eligibility for health services benefits. EIA participants who enroll in the PCDAP will need to retain their EIA drug benefits as the EIA benefit list includes some products that are not on the PCDAP benefit list. Manitoba Health will be advising pharmacists of how they should claim for the costs of drugs for their customers who are enrolled with both EIA and the PCDAP. Essentially, if someone identifies that they are enrolled under both programs, pharmacists will bill the PCDAP when the item is on that program's benefit list. If the item is not on that list, but is covered by EIA, the item will be billed to EIA's Health Services Program.

For your information.

Original signed by Pam Goulet
Director, Field Services, Winnipeg

Original signed by John Petersen
Director, Field Services,
Rural and Northern