

PHARMACY SERVICES IMPLEMENTED SINCE COVID-19

In many jurisdictions across Canada, pharmacists have been enabled to provide expanded care or services to their patients beyond the CDSA exemptions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The following map shows where new or enhanced services, remuneration and/or expanded scopes of practice have been implemented since or temporarily during the pandemic.

MANITOBA

- Pharmacists may:
- Provide virtual counselling.
 - Temporarily provide virtual telephone assessments in order to prescribe.

ONTARIO

- Pharmacists may provide the following virtual services:
- Patient counselling
 - MedsCheck services if they cannot be delayed. \$60-\$75/claim, \$25/follow-up.
 - Witnessing the ingestion of opioid agonist treatment.
 - Demonstrating the use of a medical device.

QUEBEC

- Pharmacists may now:
- Prescribe and administer salbutamol and non-prescription products in an emergency
 - Obtain a specimen from the pharynx
 - Prescribe and administer a vaccine
 - Prescribe over-the-counter medications
- (Some additional services are pending adoption of changes to regulations)
- During COVID-19, pharmacists may temporarily:
- Extend prescriptions for periods beyond typical maximum durations.
 - Prescribe for all minor conditions included in legislation. Permitted if previous diagnosis less than 4 years prior.
 - Provide therapeutic substitution outside the therapeutic drug class in the event of a shortage

YUKON

- Pharmacists may:
- Extend prescriptions following phone or video consult.
 - Initiate prescriptions for certain medical conditions.
 - Extend prescriptions up to 30 days more than once.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Pharmacists may:
- Provide virtual telephone counselling
 - Authorize delivery of opioid agonist treatment
- Temporary program enhancements have enabled pharmacists to:
- Adapt a transferred prescription
 - Provide therapeutic substitution for shorted drugs
 - Have greater latitude to provide early refills
 - Provide emergency supplies in 30/day quantities
 - Initiate treatment for an extended list of medications for Plan W patients

ALBERTA

- Pharmacists may provide patient assessments, information and care related to COVID-19. \$20/claim. Max 5 claims per pharmacy per day.
- \$20/renewal for controlled drugs and substances.
- Pharmacists may temporarily provide virtual care to assess patients and prescribe a treatment.

SASKATCHEWAN

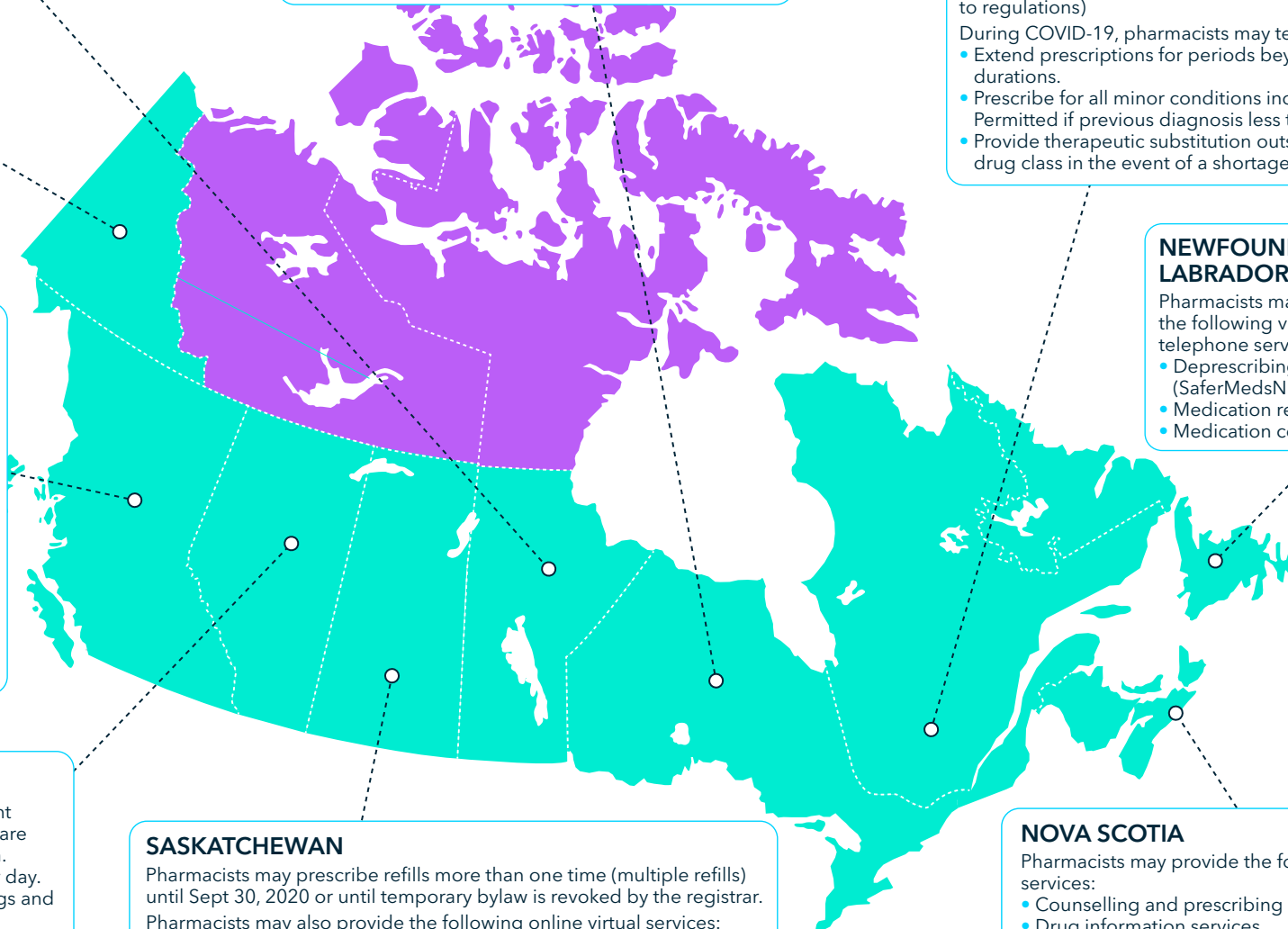
- Pharmacists may prescribe refills more than one time (multiple refills) until Sept 30, 2020 or until temporary bylaw is revoked by the registrar.
- Pharmacists may also provide the following online virtual services:
- Assessments for minor ailments prescribing
 - Saskatchewan Medication Assessment Program (SMAP)
 - Smoking/tobacco cessation services (PACT)
 - Any counselling or patient monitoring activities as required
- Telephone services can be used for SMAP, PACT and minor ailments if online virtual care is not an option for the patient and telephone services are deemed appropriate by the pharmacist

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

- Pharmacists may temporarily provide the following virtual online and/or telephone services:
- Deprescribing consultation (SaferMedsNL)
 - Medication reviews
 - Medication counselling

NOVA SCOTIA

- Pharmacists may provide the following virtual services:
- Counselling and prescribing services.
 - Drug information services.
 - Conduct certain steps in the dispensing process.



No new or enhanced services, remuneration and/or expanded scopes of practice (beyond the CDSA exemptions) have been implemented during COVID-19 in the following jurisdictions: **New Brunswick, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Prince Edward Island.**