

SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF PHARMACISTS

Council Policy Respecting Discounting of the Professional Fee for Prescription Service

INTRODUCTION

Under authority of *The Pharmacy Act, 1996*, the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists is responsible for self-regulation of the profession for the primary purpose of protecting the public. Therefore, Council has developed the following policy respecting discounting of the professional fee for prescription service. In this policy, professional fee means the pharmacist's professional remuneration payable to the pharmacist or pharmacy for prescription services rendered exclusive of any allowance or margin associated with the cost of the drug product dispensed.

POLICY

1. The Council of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists believes that pharmacists must provide an acceptable level of professional service, regardless of the level of the professional fee that is charged.

Therefore, the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists will continue to monitor pharmacies to evaluate the level of professional services provided therein. Where SCP has reason to believe that substandard services are being rendered, disciplinary procedures will be initiated.

2. Reduced professional fees for service to one payor, should also apply to other payors.

Where SCP has reason to believe that deviations exist, SCP will seek the cooperation of third party paying agencies to adjust payments to the pharmacies in question to reflect this concept.

3. The advertising bylaws of the Association will continue to be enforced according to existing policies and procedures.
4. The SCP will implement a public relations program focusing upon the professional role of the pharmacist and the value of services rendered.

CONCLUSION

Council has developed this policy after carefully considering the ethical options available and the advice from the Association Solicitor. Economic options were delegated to our Economics Committee for consideration.

Any member wishing further information or clarification is encouraged to contact the SCP office.

The Council of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists
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