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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2018
TO: Practising, Non-Practising and Conditional Practising Members
FROM: Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals
RE: **EpiPen® Shortage – Temporary Bylaw Change**

Effective August 27, 2018, SPCP Council has approved a temporary administrative bylaw change to move epinephrine ampoules from Schedule I to Schedule II status for the treatment of anaphylaxis due to allergens.

This temporary administrative bylaw change will help to ensure that there are no barriers to access for the public for the treatment of anaphylaxis due to allergens during the temporary shortage of EpiPen and EpiPen Jr. This will also ensure that there are no barriers for pharmacists to have access to epinephrine while administering immunizations and other injections.

Dispensing Anaphylaxis Kit

This temporary bylaw amendment will allow pharmacists to use their professional judgment and assess the patients need to determine appropriateness of dispensing an anaphylaxis kit which would include epinephrine ampoules. The expectation would be that the kits are labelled appropriately and that pharmacists would be providing education and training to patients regarding how to prepare a syringe and on proper injection.

MedSask Communication

MedSask has prepared an excellent document called [EpiPen Autoinjector Shortage](#) regarding what should be included in a kit as well as an [educational video](#).