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A periodic publication to inform key stakeholders about topics of special interest.

**Important Update to Group Administrators:  
Agreement reached with Shoppers Drug Mart**

Following our communication in March that indicated a tentative agreement regarding our payment schedule had been reached with Shoppers Drug Mart, we are pleased to announce the agreement has been finalized.

The payment schedule has been approved by the Shoppers Drug Mart corporate office, which will recommend that the stores accept the agreement that is set to take effect June 1, 2010.

In addition to Shoppers Drug Mart, agreements were also reached with Zellers and PharmaChoice last week.

Over the past several months, Medavie Blue Cross has been engaged in discussions with independent and chain pharmacies across the region to introduce new payment schedules, which detail prescription drug compensation. These new schedules are designed to reflect ongoing changes to drug costs in Canada. Updating these agreements is a normal part of our business practice. We are pleased that discussions with pharmacies have gone well and agreements have been reached with a number of chains and independent pharmacies across Atlantic Canada.

Medavie Blue Cross will continue to advise you of any significant changes affecting prescription services. To keep up-to-date on this issue and see a list of which pharmacies have accepted the new payment schedule and with which we are in productive discussions, visit [www.medavie.bluecross.ca](http://www.medavie.bluecross.ca) and click on the "Pharmacy Update" button on the right side of your screen.