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Important Notice from the Exceptional Access Program

Dear Prescriber,

You are receiving this fax transmission as you have been identified as a healthcare professional who has patients with existing approvals for a drug product through the Exceptional Access Program (EAP) of the Ontario Drug Benefit Program.

Given the recent and evolving developments in the status of COVID-19, the Executive Officer of the Ontario Public Drug Programs is authorizing the **automatic extension of all EAP approvals with a funding date that is expired or expiring between February 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020 by an additional 90 days from the expiry date listed on the original approval letter**. As this extension is being uploaded automatically into the Health Network System, which connects pharmacies and the ministry, you will not be receiving any patient-specific letters for these extensions.

This decision was made to support the Public Health response and directives to Ontarians during this challenging time.

Please note that patients will continue to be required to meet the specific renewal criteria for funding at the time of renewal after the additional 90 days has elapsed.

Thank you once again for your efforts and commitment to patient care, the healthcare system, and communities during this time of unprecedented challenge to our public health system.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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