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Dear Physician, Executive Director/VP:

We are writing with materials describing the 2024-2025 RSV Infection Prophylaxis program for the coming winter.

Eligibility for prophylaxis with anti RSV-monoclonal antibody is determined by a provincial working group of medical specialists, pharmacists, and others annually review Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) prophylaxis cost and utilization data, new evidence about safety and effectiveness of products, and make recommendations for the next season's Provincial RSV Infection Prophylaxis Guidelines and Utilization Management Program.

While the eligibility criteria for receipt of prophylaxis has not changed this year, the product that will be used in the program is different. The monoclonal Nirsevimab will be used instead of palivizumab for 2024-2025. This product is given once per season (that is, single dose).

The RSV prevention program is offered in NS from December to April. Sometimes these dates change according to local epidemiology. We are following disease activity in case the prophylaxis program needs to start later or earlier. Currently the planned start date is early December, based on changing epidemiology.

Enclosed are the 2024/25 RSV Infection Prophylaxis Guidelines, the Utilization Management Program, and a Nova Scotia request form.

The IWK Health will continue its activities monitoring the use of the product and provide feedback on opportunities for collaboration and for refining the process for next year. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please contact Karen Chestney, Provincial Monitoring Nurse, at (902) 470-2723.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

