



Health, Seniors and Active Living

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Dear Health Care Provider:

Re: Benzathine Penicillin (Bicillin) Supply Shortage is Resolved

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) has been notified that the supply shortage of benzathine penicillin (Bicillin) has ended and that the manufacturer has sufficient supplies to meet demand in Canada.

As a result, the use of Bicillin can be resumed for the treatment of cases and contacts of Syphilis as per Manitoba's Syphilis Protocol (<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/syphilis.pdf>).

To order Bicillin or any other publicly-funded sexually transmitted infection (STI) treatments, the STI Medication Order Form is updated on the Government of Manitoba website and can be located at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/form11.pdf>.

Reminder: All drugs that are administered as part of Manitoba's publicly-funded sexually transmitted and blood born infection program MUST be reported to MHSAL using the STI Administration Form <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/stiadminform.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact MHSAL at 204-788-6737

Sincerely,

Thank you.

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