

## **Temporary adjustment to StelTrust prescription refill fees during the COVID-19 pandemic**

As you may be aware, in order to minimize the risk of drug shortages as a result of COVID-19, the Canadian Pharmacists Association recently recommended that pharmacists dispense no more than a 30-day supply of medication, unless clinically justified.

GSC and the Trust have supported this recommendation to help ensure that patient access to care and medication supply are not compromised during this critical time.

GSC has notified Pharmacists that they have temporarily lifted the requirement that Pharmacists dispense a 90 day supply of maintenance medications during the COVID-19 pandemic, and provided the information necessary for the pharmacy to override the appropriate code in the computer system.

In addition, the Trustees have temporarily suspended the 5 refill annual limit that applied to certain maintenance medications while these temporary measures remain in place.

Please be aware that you should not be charged an additional dispensing fee at the pharmacy while these temporary measures remain in place. Speak to your pharmacist to have this corrected if you are being asked to pay additional fees.