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RE: Implementation of Pharmacare Bill C-64 including coverage for Diabetic Supplies

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc., I am writing to express our strong support for the recent passage of Bill C-64, An Act Respecting Pharmacare, and to urge the Government of Saskatchewan to support and fully implement the federal pharmacare program within our province.

As an organization that advocates for the health and well-being of seniors in Saskatchewan, we recognize the significant burden that the rising cost of prescription medications and essential medical supplies, including those for diabetes, places on our members. For many seniors, these costs are prohibitive, often forcing them to make impossible choices between managing their health or meeting other basic needs.

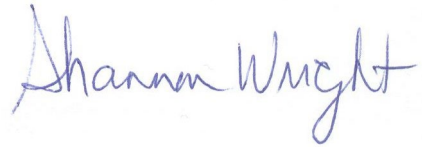
Pharmacare provides a critical solution to these challenges. Bill C-64 marks a significant step toward a national, universal pharmacare program that will ensure all Canadians—especially seniors—have equitable access to necessary medications and supplies. We are particularly encouraged by the provisions within the bill that will cover essential diabetic supplies, such as insulin, test strips, lancets, and other tools vital for managing diabetes. This coverage is crucial for seniors living with diabetes, who often face high out-of-pocket costs for these supplies.

We urge the Government of Saskatchewan to fully support the implementation of this national pharmacare program, recognizing its importance in improving health outcomes and reducing the financial strain on seniors. By supporting federal pharmacare, Saskatchewan can help ensure that seniors in our province are not left behind in accessing essential medications and supplies, ultimately reducing long-term healthcare costs associated with unmanaged chronic conditions like diabetes.

The Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc. believes that a comprehensive, nationwide pharmacare program will improve the quality of life for seniors and ensure that healthcare remains affordable and accessible to all, regardless of income. We ask that you join us in advocating for the swift and effective implementation of this program in Saskatchewan.

We thank you for your attention to this important matter and look forward to your continued leadership in advancing the health and well-being of seniors in our province. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further support or collaboration in this vital initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Shannon Wright, Secretary/Treasurer
Saskatchewan Seniors' Association Inc.