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Requested Follow-up Information

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Chapter 12 – Detecting Inappropriate Physician Payments

- **How many incidents of inappropriate prescribing were caught as a result of the Prescription Review Program staff accessing drug-screening results? Indicate how many were or were not referred to the College of Pharmacy.**
 - Tracking the incidents of drug screening results began in April 2025.
 - There have been 31 incidents tracked, with 6 resulting in alert letters.
 - Five alert letters resulted in 3 reports to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, 1 to the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan and 1 to the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals.
 - One alert letter received an explanation that didn't require the situation to be escalated to their college.

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Chapter 19 – Preventing Diabetes-Related Health Complications

- **Was there a reduction in hospitalization for diabetes-related health complications since the usage of your IT system CDM-QIP [chronic disease management quality improvement program] increased?**
 - In the initial years of the program, the focus was on improving uptake of the CDM-QIP program by providers. While Avoidance of condition-related Hospitalizations is the goal and an expected benefit of the CDM-QIP program, the initial focus has been ensuring that providers are following the best-practice guidance on chronic disease management.
 - We are studying outcomes for patients whose providers used the CDM-QIP program compared to other groups of people with the same age and disease characteristics, and access to services whose providers did not use the CDM-QIP program. Avoidable hospitalizations is one of the measures being assessed.
 - The Ministry plans to complete this work by the end of April 2026.

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- **How many individuals have participated in the mobile point-of-care testing pilot project?**
 - Since 2023-24, the mobile Point of Care (POC) Testing project provided regular screening and education to the communities of La Ronge, Sucker River, Stanley Mission, Yellow Quill, Hall Lake, Grandmother's Bay and Kinistin Saulteaux Nation. Due to wildfires in spring/summer of 2025, several planned screening events for northern communities were cancelled.
 - Since 2023-24, 291 patients have participated in the screening program.

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