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To: All PHIMS Immunization Users

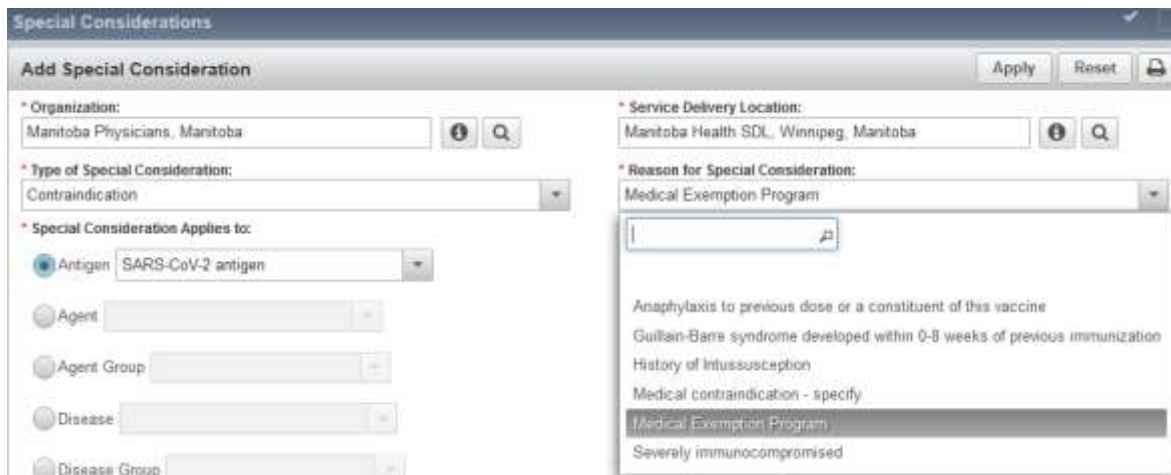
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Re: **PHIMS - New configuration value for 'Reason for Special Consideration'**

To support the data entry of medical exemptions to COVID-19 vaccine, a new drop down value has been added to the 'Reason for Special Consideration', in the Special Considerations section. This selection is only to be used by designated PHIMS data entry staff when entering this information from the exemption request forms submitted by selected specialist physicians, and will be regularly monitored by the Vaccine Implementation Task Force to ensure its appropriate use.

Please DO NOT use the 'Medical Exemption Program' reason for special consideration.



Special Considerations

Add Special Consideration

Organization: Manitoba Physicians, Manitoba

Service Delivery Location: Manitoba Health SDL, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Type of Special Consideration: Contraindication

Reason for Special Consideration: Medical Exemption Program

Special Consideration Applies to:

- Antigen: SARS-CoV-2 antigen
- Agent
- Agent Group
- Disease
- Disease Group

Reason for Special Consideration options:

- Anaphylaxis to previous dose or a constituent of this vaccine
- Guillain-Barre syndrome developed within 0-8 weeks of previous immunization
- History of Intussusception
- Medical contraindication - specify
- Medical Exemption Program
- Severely immunocompromised

For more information about the Medical Exemptions Program, please go to the Province of Manitoba website: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html>.

Should public health offices receive immunization card inquiries from clients who have accessed the medical exemption program, clients can be redirected to their specialist physician to confirm their form has been submitted. For any other questions, clients can contact COVID@gov.mb.ca.

Need support? If you require support with PHIMS access or PHIMS software related issues, please contact the Shared Health Service Desk at:

Email: servicedesk@sharedhealthmb.ca (please state "PHIMS" in the subject line of the email)

Phone: (204) 940-8500

Toll-free: 1-866-999-9698

For urgent matters contact the Service Desk by phone and speak with an agent to escalate your request. Please consult with a peer supporter or trainer before logging any service requests.