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ALS DRUG SHORTAGE IN MANITOBA

Winnipeg - It came to our attention recently that some clients who are taking the drug Rilutek and or the generic brand form of it were finding that the generic brand was in short supply in our Province.

If you have experienced any issues with getting the medication brand name or generic, or have found that it was out of stock at your pharmacy, please contact the ALS Society of Manitoba.

Sanofi Canada, the makers of Rilutek, believes patients should be able to obtain the medications prescribed by their healthcare professional. With this goal in mind, several Sanofi products, for which generic alternatives are available, have been added to the InnoviCares patient benefit program to help ensure that cost is not a factor in patients treatment decisions.

InnoviCares is fully funded by the pharmaceutical companies who participate in the program.

Get your Card – go to Sanofi.innovicare.ca/en/rilutek

Your innoviCares card is intended to cover up to and the difference in the drug ingredients cost between brand Rilutek and the generic riluzole, allowing you to receive brand name Rilutek at a price similar to the generic alternatives.

For more information, contact:

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ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) is a life limiting disease where 90% of people diagnosed will die within three to five years, some within a few short months. During the past 35 years, the ALS Society of Manitoba has helped clients and their families, by providing information, education, equipment, and support. As the number of people in Manitoba affected by this disease continues to grow, the demand for more client-service based programs grows. The ALS Society of Manitoba provides support to help maintain independence and make informed decisions about their care.