

What to do if you suspect Scabies in your Home Care Client

For HCAs, HSWs, ISWs and RHAs: If your client has a new or worsening itch/rash - Immediately report your concerns to your Scheduling Unit/Resource Coordinator (RC). Follow the reporting process for “Reporting and Expectations in Reporting” (DSS Orientation Handbook page 9).

For NRCs and Direct Service Nurses (RNs, LPNs): If your assessment has led you to suspect Scabies instruct your client/client’s family to be seen by their Primary Care Provider (Doctor, NP, WICC, Walk-In Clinic) as soon as possible for diagnosis. Direct Service Nurses must also immediately report your concerns to your NRC. Staff must use Contact Precautions for the remainder of the visit and for any future visits until a Scabies diagnosis has been confirmed or ruled out. If a diagnosis of Scabies is confirmed continue to use Contact Precautions until 24hrs after treatment <http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/files/manuals/community/4.1.4.pdf>