

A REFERENCE GUIDE

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FOR PHARMACISTS BILLING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Alberta Blue Cross administers the Alberta COVID-19 Pharmacy Immunization Program (ACPIP) on behalf of Alberta Health. The following claims billing information is meant to assist with your direct bill claim submission.



UPDATED LIST OF PINS FOR COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION

The following table is the complete list of PINs to be used by pharmacies for COVID-19 immunizations. Any individual receiving a vaccine in a community pharmacy is eligible for the routine billing and corresponding payment (i.e. \$13). Additional information regarding eligibility criteria is available at <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>.

PINs to be reimbursed at a rate of \$13			
Product	PIN (pharmacy use)	Reason code	Descriptor
Moderna SpikeVax KP.2 (2.5 mL) 5 dose/vial	16060050	50	Routine Recommended Immunization
	16060066	66	Other Risk
Pfizer/BioNTech Comirnaty® KP.2 6 dose/vial	15090050	50	Routine Recommended Immunization
	15090066	66	Other Risk

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CLAIMING INFORMATION

Direct bill claims for the ACPIP must be submitted to Alberta Blue Cross on the day the vaccine was administered to the patient by the pharmacy. Claims submitted to Alberta Blue Cross will be uploaded to IMM/ARI daily so there is no need to submit a separate transaction to load claim information into IMM/ARI.

Claiming requirements for vaccine administration

On a temporary basis, only the allied health care professionals listed below, who are enabled through their scope of practice and regulatory environments to administer COVID-19 vaccines, may be employed by pharmacies to administer COVID-19 vaccines in a pharmacy setting:

- critical and advanced care paramedics,
- dentists,
- nurse practitioners,
- registered nurses,
- licensed practical nurses,
- certified graduate nurses,
- midwives, and
- physicians.

All claims must be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE RT claims with the following data elements:

- carrier code 16 (as the third-party plan);
- group number for all transactions must be 23464, Section 000;
- pharmacy license number;
- pharmacist identification number or **AHP221** when administered by an allied health care professional;
- client number—client's personal health number (PHN);
- client's full name—last and first name;
- client's date of birth;
- client's gender;
- relationship code—should your software require you to enter a relationship code, zero (0) must be used as the default;
- prescriber reference ID number (for example, license number of pharmacists with ACP injection authorization or **AHP221** when administered by an allied health care professional);
- service date;
- PIN—select correct PIN (see chart above);
- Special Service Code (SSC)—J;
- quantity (for example, one); and
- 86 should be used in the Prescriber Reference Code field.

Charges of up to \$13 per injectable COVID-19 immunization service may be claimed as per the Compensation Plan for Pharmacy Services under the Assessment for the Administration of a Provincially Funded Vaccine.

Please DO NOT SEND test claims through the system. Alberta Blue Cross has vigorously tested these codes to ensure their performance. Test claims will result in errors in reporting on vaccine uptake and immunization rates for Alberta, which may adversely impact the overall COVID-19 vaccine response plan.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations Contact Centre representative at

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