

Alberta Health has provided additional clarity on frequency limitations for compensation of Pharmacy Services

As outlined in the *Pharmacy Benefact* Number 346 (published in June 2012), pharmacies will receive compensation for a pharmacist's assessment and professional opinion when providing pharmacy services effective July 1, 2012.

This *Pharmacy Benefact* outlines additional claiming information on what is eligible and how to submit claims under this new Compensation Plan for Pharmacy Services.

When billing a CACP and SMMA

The Comprehensive Annual Care Plan (CACP) and Standard Medication Management Assessment (SMMA) include initial and followup assessment fees. Pharmacists with Additional Prescribing Authorization (APA) will be compensated at a higher remuneration rate for providing these and other eligible pharmacy services.

When billing for a CACP Initial Assessment claim

PIN	SSC	Dollar Amount
00000071114 CACP Initial Assessment without APA	L (Initial assessment)	\$100
00000081114 CACP Initial Assessment with APA	L (Initial assessment)	\$125

Only one CACP initial assessment per patient per service year (July–June) is eligible.

When billing for a CACP Followup Assessment claim

PIN	SSC	Dollar Amount
00000071115 CACP Follow Up Assessment without APA	M (Followup assessment of patient's needs)	\$20
00000081115 CACP Follow Up Assessment with APA	M (Followup assessment of patient's needs)	\$25

Only one CACP followup per patient, per day is eligible and no other pharmacy services are eligible for patients under a CACP on that day.

For example, if the CACP has been completed for a patient, then only CACP followups are eligible, as identified previous page. Pharmacy Services with any service code listed below would **not be eligible** for CACP patients—PIN 00000071111 and PIN 00000081111—Patient Assessment with any of the service codes listed below:

SSC	Code value – clinical activity
F	Renew Previous prescription
H	Adapt prescription to current need
I	Prescribed emergency supply of medication
J	Medication administered by injection

When billing for a SMMA Initial Assessment claim

PIN	SSC	Dollar Amount
00000071112 SMMA Initial Assessment without APA	L (Initial assessment)	\$60
00000081112 SMMA Initial Assessment with APA	L (Initial assessment)	\$75

Only one SMMA initial assessment per patient per service year (July–June) is eligible. No other pharmacy service claim is eligible on that day.

When billing for a SMMA Followup Assessment claim

PIN	SSC	Dollar Amount
00000071113 SMMA Follow Up Assessment without APA	M (Followup assessment of patient’s needs)	\$20
00000081113 SMMA Follow Up Assessment with APA	M (Followup assessment of patient’s needs)	\$25

Only one SMMA Followup per patient, per day is eligible and no other pharmacy services are eligible for patients under a SMMA on that day.

For example, if the SMMA has been completed for a patient, then only SMMA followups are eligible, as identified above. Pharmacy Services with any service code listed below would **not be eligible** for SMMA patients—PIN 00000071111 and PIN 00000081111—Patient Assessment with any of the service codes listed below:

SSC	Code value – clinical activity
F	Renew Previous prescription
H	Adapt prescription to current need
I	Prescribed emergency supply of medication
J	Medication administered by injection

Pharmacy Services Assessments

1. Assessment and administration of medications by injection

PIN	SSC	Dollar Amount
00000071111 Patient Assessment without APA	J (Medication administered by injection)	\$20
00000081111 Patient Assessment with APA	J (Medication administered by injection)	\$20

Only one injection assessment per day, per patient is eligible for compensation under Pharmacy Services.

2. Assessment for a prescription renewal

PIN	SSC	Dollar Amount
00000071111 Patient Assessment without APA	F (Renew Previous prescription)	\$20
00000081111 Patient Assessment with APA	F (Renew Previous prescription)	\$20

Only one Pharmacy Service fee per day, per patient is eligible.

3. Assessment for an Adaptation of a Prescription

PIN	SSC	Dollar Amount
00000071111 Patient Assessment without APA	H (Adapt prescription to current need)	\$20
00000081111 Patient Assessment with APA	H (Adapt prescription to current need)	\$20

Only one Pharmacy Service fee per day, per patient is eligible.

4. Assessment for Prescribing at Initial Access or to Manage ongoing therapy

PIN	SSC	Dollar Amount
00000081111 Patient Assessment with APA	K (Prescribe 'initial supply' of medication)	\$25

Only one Pharmacy Service fee per day, per patient is eligible.

5. Assessment for Prescribing in an Emergency

PIN	SSC	Dollar Amount
00000071111 Patient Assessment without APA	I (Prescribed emergency supply of medication)	\$20
00000081111 Patient Assessment with APA	I (Prescribed emergency supply of medication)	\$20

Only one Pharmacy Service fee per day, per patient is eligible.

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For example, a pharmacist completes a Patient Assessment which results in more than one Pharmacy Service being provided, such as “prescribing in an emergency (SSC I)” and “administering an injection (SSC J).” The pharmacy may only claim one Pharmacy Service Fee in the amount of \$20. The claim should include the PIN representing the Patient Assessment and the SSC believed to be most relevant, I or J. Two claims cannot be submitted; the first claim for a Pharmacy Service received by Alberta Blue Cross on that day shall be the claim payable.



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