

Pharmacy Benefact

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Botox and Xeomin moving to special authorization status on privately managed plans.

Effective August 1, 2015, claims for Botox and Xeomin will only be eligible for coverage if approved through the special authorization process for select private plans. As Botox and Xeomin use is on the rise, special authorization is being put in place to help manage drugs costs for affected benefit plans. Botox and Xeomin coverage will only be approved if it is being used for its Health Canada-approved uses, not if used for cosmetic purposes.

Alberta Blue Cross plan members who currently have Botox or Xeomin prescribed for a condition can obtain their prescription with no change in process until July 31, 2015. However, effective August 1, 2015, all plan members on managed drug plans who want continued coverage for Botox or Xeomin will need their prescriber to complete and submit a Special Authorization request form to Alberta Blue Cross. When plan members do not have approval for special authorization for these products, the claim will reject with the response code of **"CP - Eligible for special authorization."**

To minimize rejected claims and to make plan members aware of the change in process, Alberta Blue Cross is sending a letter to each affected plan member who has had Botox or Xeomin prescribed in the past 12 months announcing the change in process that will come into effect August 1, 2015.

When you have questions:

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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