

## Update—expanded eligibility for Sotrovimab and Paxlovid™ COVID-19 treatments

Effective **February 15**, Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services (AHS) expanded eligibility criteria for outpatient COVID-19 therapies based on Alberta's data and experience. These therapies currently include Sotrovimab, an injectable drug product administered through IV infusion by an AHS clinician, and Paxlovid™, an oral treatment prescribed by AHS authorized prescribers and dispensed from a small number of pharmacies across the province.

The changes to eligibility are as follows:

- Paxlovid™ is available to unvaccinated Albertans age 55 and older (lowered from age 65 and over), to align with the current criteria for Sotrovimab.
- Paxlovid™ and Sotrovimab is expanded from unvaccinated or individuals with no doses to also include individuals with one dose of vaccine.

The complete details of the eligibility criteria for these two treatments are available publicly at [ahs.ca/covidopt](https://ahs.ca/covidopt).

At this time, there is no further expansion to the pharmacy network for dispensing Paxlovid™. Alberta Health and AHS continue to monitor the situation and will advise if changes are forthcoming based on current utilization and upcoming supply.

**More information on Paxlovid™ for pharmacy teams can be found on the Alberta Blue Cross website.**

- Alberta pharmacy reference guide for pharmacists dispensing Paxlovid™:  
[ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/paxlovid-reference-guide.pdf](https://ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/paxlovid-reference-guide.pdf)
- Alberta pharmacy video information session (January 27, 2022):  
[vimeo.com/671253101/409325d604](https://vimeo.com/671253101/409325d604)

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

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area)

403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)

1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)

FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

Alberta Blue Cross offers online access to current Pharmacy Benefacts and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims.

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