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2023/2024 holiday hours schedule

Starting this year, most of the teams at Alberta Blue Cross[®] will be off for a winter break from December 25, 2023, to January 1, 2024, inclusive. Our winter break will impact both the contact centre hours and the processing of manual claims. Please make note of the reduced contact centre hours below. In addition, although December 26 is the final cut-off date for 2023, **Alberta Blue Cross team members will be unavailable to process manual claims between December 23, 2023, and January 1, 2024 inclusive**.

Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations representatives will be available the following hours Mountain Standard Time (MST) during the 2023/2024 holiday season to provide assistance with your claiming inquires:

Date	Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Contact Centre Hours (MST)			
Friday, December 22	8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (regular hours)			
Saturday, December 23	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.			
Sunday, December 24	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.			
Monday, December 25	Closed			
Tuesday, December 26	Closed			
Wednesday, December 27	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.			
Thursday, December 28	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.			
Friday, December 29	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.			
Saturday, December 30	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.			
Sunday, December 31	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.			
Monday, January 1	Closed			
Tuesday, January 2	8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (regular hours)			



Thank you for your valuable contribution to our mutual clients, ensuring they receive an exceptional customer experience. We look forward to our ongoing partnership in 2024, and wish you a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with health and peace.

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2024 Alberta Blue Cross payment schedule

For your reference, below are the 2024 payment schedule dates for the following Alberta Blue Cross programs:

Alberta Human Services		Government-sponsored		Group		Individual	
Cut-off*		unds transfer posit date**	Cut-off*		Electronic funds transfer provider deposit date**		
January 8, 2024	January 18, 2024		July 8, 2024		July 18, 2024		
January 22, 2024	February 1, 2024		July 22, 2024		August 1, 2024		
February 5, 2024	February 15, 2024		August 5, 20	August 5, 2024		August 15, 2024	
February 19, 2024	February 29, 2024		August 19, 20	024	August 29, 2024		
March 4, 2024	March 14, 2024		September 2	2, 2024	September 12, 2024		
March 18, 2024	March 28, 2024		September 1	6, 2024	September 26, 2024		
April 1, 2024	April 11, 202	April 11, 2024		30, 2024	October 10, 2024		
April 15, 2024	April 25, 2024		October 14, 2	October 14, 2024		October 24, 2024	
April 30, 2024	May 9, 2024		October 28,	October 28, 2024		November 7, 2024	
May 13, 2024	May 23, 202	4	November 1	November 11, 2024		November 21, 2024	
May 27, 2024	June 6, 2024	ļ	November 2	5, 2024	December 5, 2024		
June 10, 2024	June 20, 202	24	December 9,	2024	December 19, 2024		
June 24, 2024	July 4, 2024		December 2	3, 2024	January 2, 2025		

*Cut-off times for submission of claims via Claimstream is 11:59 p.m. on the date listed. The cut-off date applies to adjudicated claims.

**Date providers receive deposit of funds into their accounts after midnight (12 a.m.).

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)



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Visit ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php



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