

Real-Time Integration (RTI) needed for Alberta pharmacies by July 1, 2026

Beginning July 1, 2026, Alberta Blue Cross® will no longer upload immunization claims to the provincial immunization repository (Imm/ARI) on behalf of pharmacies. This change means all community pharmacies participating in the provincial immunization program must adopt a Real-Time Integration (RTI) system by July 1, 2026. One benefit of this change is it will help reduce duplication of immunization records. Please see **Benefact 1273** (<https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/pharmacy-benefacts/pharmacy-benefact-1273.pdf>) for more information.

During the transition to RTI-Imm/ARI, and until July 1, 2026, Alberta Blue Cross will continue to upload immunization claims to Imm/ARI. Therefore, pharmacies that have not transitioned to RTI-Imm/ARI will continue to use the traditional PINs. Please see **Benefact 1300** (<https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/pharmacy-benefacts/pharmacy-benefact-1300.pdf>) for more information.

Please note: Pharmacies enabled with RTI for Imm/ARI submissions will have their data automatically uploaded to Imm/ARI, provided they have completed a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) that includes this transmission of data to ImmARI. To initiate the RTI-Imm/ARI onboarding process, pharmacies can contact the eHealth Services Provider Support at eHealthProviderSupport@gov.ab.ca or 1-855-643-8649.

Update to claim processes for Real-Time Integration (RTI)

For pharmacies that have completed the installation of real-time integration (RTI) with Netcare, claims for Assessment for the Administration of a Provincially Funded Vaccine must be submitted using the appropriate Product Identification Numbers (PINs) below.

Assessment for the Administration of a Provincially Funded Vaccine administered by a community pharmacy

PINs for Assessment for the Administration of a Provincially Funded Vaccine		
Provincially Funded Vaccine (community)	PIN (RTI use only)	Fee
Influenza vaccine	00999666	\$13
Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine	00999659	\$13
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine	00999662	\$13
Pneumococcal vaccine	00999664	\$13

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Reminder: Submission of privately purchased vaccines

- Do not use Alberta Blue Cross claims submission to report privately purchased vaccines to the Ministry or Netcare
- For clarity, all privately purchased vaccines are not eligible to use these PINs. See **Benefact 1277** (<https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/pharmacy-benefacts/pharmacy-benefact-1277.pdf>) for more information

For more information, reference guides are available at <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/provider/type/pharmacy/resources.php>.

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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