

URGENT! Clarification on immunization submissions to Netcare and PINs

This notice provides clarification on the proper use of PINs for submitting immunization records to Alberta's Provincial Immunization Repository (ImmARI). The information submitted to the Alberta Immunization Repository (ImmARI) is subsequently shared with Alberta Netcare and displayed in a client's immunization history.

For clarification, the existing PINs for provincially funded vaccinations are listed below:

PDIN/PINs for Provincially Funded Immunization					
Group	Manufacturer	Product	Vaccine	PIN	Descriptor
FLU	Sanofi Pasteur	Fluzone®	FLU (Influenza standard dose)	12120050	Routine recommended
				12120022	LTC/DSL outreach
	Glaxo-SmithKline	Fluviral®	FLU (Influenza standard dose)	12030050	Routine recommended
				12030022	LTC/DSL outreach
	Seqirus	FLUAD®	FLU-ADJ (Influenza, adjuvanted)	18110050	Routine recommended
				18110022	LTC/DSL outreach
				18110066	Other risk
		Flucelvax®	FLU (Influenza standard dose)	12110050	Routine recommended
				12110022	LTC/DSL outreach
Tdap	Sanofi Pasteur	Adacel® 5 dose/pkg	Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis)	10120050	Routine recommended
				10120051	Post exposure
	Glaxo-SmithKline	Boostrix® 10 dose/pkg	Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis)	10030050	Routine recommended
				10030051	Post exposure
RSV	Pfizer	ABRYSVO™	RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)	14100050	Routine recommended
				14100022	LTC/DSL outreach
PNEUMO	Pfizer	Prevnar 20	PNEU-C20 (Pneumococcal conjugate 20-valent)	11100050	Routine recommended
				11100066	Other risk
				11100022	LTC/DSL outreach

Currently, only a **very limited number** of pharmacies are configured for direct RTI submissions for immunization. More information on the transition away from Alberta Blue Cross® feed will follow in coming months.

Having an existing RTI setup for Netcare and medication dispenses **does not** automatically enable your site to submit immunizations through RTI.

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To confirm if your site is set up to submit immunizations directly through an RTI or to obtain more information on enabling RTI for immunization submissions, please contact eHealthProviderSupport@gov.ab.ca or 1-855-643-8649.

Alberta Blue Cross, in collaboration with Primary and Preventative Health Services (PPHS), will ensure that immunization records submitted between October 20 and October 26 (inclusive) are processed and submitted to Netcare. Pharmacies are advised to review their submissions and verify that all records appear in Netcare by the end of October. If any records are missing, pharmacies should submit them using the correct PINs to ensure completeness.

Reminder: Immunization submissions and billing practices

Primary and Preventive Health Services (PPHS), Alberta Blue Cross along with Alberta College of Pharmacies reminds pharmacies that immunization submissions to Netcare should only occur at the same time as vaccine is being administered.

Submitting billing claims days before vaccine administration can lead to data quality and audit issues, such as unreversed claims if an individual does not attend and discrepancies between billing and clinical records in Imm/ARI.

To maintain accurate and reliable immunization data across Alberta's provincial systems, billing and administration submissions must be completed only during or after the vaccination.

As per the Immunization Regulation all pharmacies must report the administration of **privately purchased** vaccines to Alberta's provincial immunization repository (ImmARI) through IDSM or another approved direct submission mechanism.

PPHS appreciates your continued cooperation in ensuring the integrity of Alberta's immunization data.

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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