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Alberta Health Insulin Pump Therapy Program claiming tips

The Insulin Pump Therapy (IPT) Program is available to Albertans with Type 1 diabetes mellitus who meet eligibility criteria for coverage of insulin pumps and IPT supplies. The IPT Program is delivered by Alberta Health Services. Patients must be assessed at an Alberta Health Services approved Diabetes Insulin Pump clinic to receive coverage under the IPT Program.

Insulin Pump Therapy Program enrolment & claim adjudication process

Patient is referred to Alberta Health Services Insulin Pump Clinic and Specialist Physician for assessment.

Alberta Health Services Insulin Pump Clinic provides Alberta Blue Cross confirmation that the patient has met criteria for coverage under the Insulin Pump Therapy Program.

Alberta Blue Cross assigns IPTP benefits to the Member for direct bill claim adjudication purposes and provides the patient and AHS clinic a confirmation of enrolment letter.

Patient takes the confirmation letter to a pharmacy provider and/or insulin pump manufacturer to fill supplies or directly to the insulin pump manufacturer to submit a claim for an insulin pump.

Claiming details for pharmacy providers

Please note that patients enrolled in the IPT program do not require a prescription to fill IPT supplies at their pharmacy. When billing IPT claims for IPT supplies, Alberta Blue Cross requires that the claims be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE-RT direct bill claim adjudication system with the following claim data elements:

- Carrier Code 16 (as the third-party plan)
- Group number 23464, Section 000 for all transactions
- Pharmacy license number
- · Pharmacist identification number
- Client's Personal Health Number (PHN)
- Client's full name (last and first name)
- · Client's date of birth
- · Client's gender

- Relationship code: should your software require you enter a relationship code, zero (0) must be used as the default
- Prescriber reference code
- · Prescriber ID number
- · Service date
- Product PIN, from the Insulin Pump Therapy Program product list
- Quantity

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Direct bill claims are to be submitted using the appropriate PIN from the product list provided along with the usual and customary retail price in the drug cost field. Upcharge #2 or Dispensing Fee costs are not eligible for claim submission and will result in one or both of the following claim rejection messages:

OK- Maximum allowable AIA exceeded

OL- Maximum allowable dispensing fee exceeded

Post claim verification: on behalf of Alberta Health, Alberta Blue Cross may be conducting post claim verifications on a sample of pharmacy claim transactions and invoices under the IPT Program and the associated direct bill claim.

IPT eligible supply product list

Product	PIN	Dollar maximum	Quantity Limit	Minimum quantity to dispense*
Infusion sets	990045	n/a	Not to exceed 100 per 100 days	10
Insulin cartridges/reservoirs	990057	n/a	Not to exceed 100 per 100 days	10
Serters	999603	n/a	One per year	one
PT skin preparation (dressings and/or skin adhesives and/or adhesive removers)	999602	\$100 per year	100 days supply up to \$100 per year	one
Blood glucose test strips	999955	n/a	Not to exceed 700 per 100 days	50
Blood ketone test strips	990072	n/a	Not to exceed 20 per 100 days	10
Blood ketone test meter	999601	n/a	One every two years	one
Lancets	999941	n/a	Not to exceed 700 per 100 days	50
Insulin syringe or pen tip needle	999952 - Syringe 999985 - Pen needle	n/a	Not to exceed 100 per 100 days	Syringe - 10 Pen needle - 50

^{*}Per prescription fill, the minimum quantity to dispense ensures a quantity of one box is not submitted.

For more information about the Insulin Pump Therapy Program, please visit http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/insulin-pump-therapy-program.html.

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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