

Changes to allowable charges for nutritional products eligible under Government of Alberta-sponsored drug programs (updated February 22, 2017)

The following is important information regarding changes to payment eligibility of nutritional products for Government of Alberta-sponsored drug programs. Effective March 15, 2017, Government of Alberta-sponsored drug programs will pay for the cost of the product (Manufacturer List Price [MLP] or Base Price) and Allowable Upcharge #1 plus a 10 per cent markup and no additional charges. Specifically:

- a dispensing fee will no longer be eligible for claims for any nutritional products, and
- Allowable Upcharge #2 must be modified to reflect a 10 per cent markup of the aggregate of the MLP and Allowable Upcharge #1 for claims for any nutritional products.

Any claims made which exceed these parameters will be rejected. Should a dispensing fee be claimed, it will be rejected with the response code of **OL – Max allowable dispensing fee exceeded**. If the Cost Upcharge exceeds the allowable 10 per cent markup, the claim will be rejected with the response code of **SE - Max allowable upcharge exceeded**.

The MLP as indicated in the *Alberta Drug Benefit List* or Base Price as indicated in the *Alberta Blue Cross Drug Price List* (for all Nestle Good Start products) is inclusive of the container recycling fee and the beverage container deposit including any variances for sizes or materials.

Nutritional products means those products listed in the *Alberta Drug Benefit List* category "PTC 402000", and includes certain infant formulas (e.g., Enfamil Enfacare A+ and Nestle Good Start) and certain nutritional products (e.g. Boost, Ensure and Pediasure). The full list of nutritional supplements under PTC 402000 is available on the *Alberta Drug Benefit List* or the *Alberta Blue Cross Drug Price List*.

Additional information can be accessed online at www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.html or through the *iDBL* at <https://idbl.ab.bluecross.ca/idbl/load.do>.

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:

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area) • 403-294-4041 (Calgary and area) • 1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

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