

Influenza Antiviral Drug Policy - Alberta Public Health Activities Program (APHAP)

This benefact supersedes and replaces Benefact 691, as well as the section of Benefact 702 regarding the Alberta Health Influenza Antiviral Drug Policy As applied to Vulnerable Persons in Congregate Living Settings (Policy).

Effective June 1, 2017, in accordance with the Policy, claims for Nat-Oseltamivir 75 mg can be processed by Alberta Blue Cross under the Alberta Public Health Activities Program (APHAP). **It is of high importance that all Antiviral Drugs covered under the Policy be used in accordance with the applicable Health Canada-approved product monograph.**

The Policy applies only to Eligible Persons in a Facility where a Medical Officer of Health (MOH) has confirmed the spread of Influenza or Influenza-like illness within that facility. Once a MOH has confirmed the spread, Alberta Health Services Public Health (AHS) and MOHs will work with the Facility to obtain Antiviral Drug prescriptions for Eligible Persons. An Exposure Investigation (EI) number will be generated for each outbreak and provided to pharmacies with other pertinent patient information by AHS.

Please treat Antiviral Drug prescriptions as a priority and dispense them in a manner that meets the needs of the Eligible Person (Client). When billing through the APHAP, no Eligible Person shall be charged or required to pay any amount for an Antiviral Drug dispensed to him or her in accordance with the Policy.

Claim processes

To receive compensation for eligible antiviral prescriptions (including those for Nat-Oseltamivir 75 mg*), claims must include the following data elements:

- Carrier Code 16 (as the third party plan)
- Group 23464
- Section 000
- Pharmacy License number
- Pharmacist Identification Number
- Client number: Client's Personal Health Number (PHN). In the case of Albertans with no PHN, such as persons in homeless shelters, HL0000000 must be used.
- Client's full name: last and first name
- Client's date of birth
- Client's gender
- Relationship Code: Should your software require you to enter a relationship code, select zero (0) as the default
- Prescriber Reference ID Number
- Service date
- DIN (In any case where an Antiviral Drug is made in accordance with the Policy, such compound may be claimed using the Pseudo Identification Number (PIN) 00999999.)
- Quantity
- Payment amount
- Prescriber Reference Code: 86

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- EI number in the format YYYYXXX entered into the Special Authorization field, left justified with no hyphen. Claims without the EI number will be rejected with the response code CZ – No record of authorization number. (YYYY is the year when the outbreak was declared by the MOH and XXX is the number of the investigation as provided by Alberta Health Services.)

***The following Nat-Oseltamivir product is eligible for coverage as of June 1, 2017:**

DIN	Product description	Price allowed per capsule
00002457989	Nat-Oseltamivir 75 mg Capsule	\$3.1178

Note that claims for antiviral prescriptions (including Nat-Oseltamivir) to other Government of Alberta drug plans are not eligible for coverage.

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)

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. Visit <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php>



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