

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) drug program update

Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, the Alberta Pharmacists' Association, the Alberta College of Pharmacists, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, and the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta have worked together to develop a MAID Drug Program that is legally sound and consistent with Bill C-14 which was given Royal Assent on June 17, 2016. The program is respectful, ethical and compassionate to those requesting medical assistance in dying and those providing the service.

Effective April 2, 2018, under the direction of Alberta Health, Alberta pharmacies will now be able to bill MAID drugs and specified consumables through the PRIDE-RT direct bill claim adjudication system.

MAID Drug Program process

- The prescriber will send the prescription and completed Medical Assistance in Dying Special Authorization (SA) Request form to the pharmacy, indicating each of the drug products prescribed for the selected route of administration.
- The assessing pharmacist collaborating with the prescriber must sign the SA form and submit it to Alberta Blue Cross for approval.
- Once the SA is approved, Alberta Blue Cross will notify the pharmacy and the claims can then be submitted for payment.

The Medical Assistance in Dying Special Authorization Request form is available to registered prescribers and pharmacists on their respective college websites. Pharmacists can find the SA form on the Alberta College of Pharmacists website at pharmacists.ab.ca/medical-assistance-dying-maid-information-registrants.

All MAID claims must be submitted with the following data elements:

- Carrier Code 16 (as the third-party plan)
- Group 23464
- Section 000
- Pharmacy license number
- Pharmacist license number
- Patient's Alberta PHN
- Patient full name (last and first name)
- Patient's date of birth
- Patient gender
- Prescriber reference code
- Prescriber ID number
- Service date
- DIN or PIN
- Quantity Dispensed
 - Only the quantity required for the patient can be submitted. For drugs which must be ordered in larger quantities see the unused expired MAID drug process below.
- Drug Cost (including allowable Upcharge #1)
 - The Allowable Upcharge # 1 will be either 3% or 7.5% depending on where the product is listed, either the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* or the *Alberta Blue Cross Drug Price List (ABCDPL)*, respectively.
- Allowable Upcharge #2
- Dispensing Fee

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PINs, Service Codes and eligible Fees under MAID

Special Services Code (SSC) 3 has been assigned under this program and is required when submitting claims for the PINs noted in the table below.

PIN	PIN description	Allowable SSC	Eligible amount
00003333353	Protocol Fee	3	\$60.00
00003333352	MAID IV Consumables Fee (for the retail price of consumables if dispensing intravenous use drugs)	3	Up to \$25.00

MAID IV Start Kit

Pharmacists dispensing intravenous use drugs for the MAID program are able to order a MAID IV start kit from McKesson. The kit includes required supplies for the prescriber to deliver injectable medications, and is available at no cost. The product is listed as Item #113330 MED ASST DYING IV START KIT through McKesson, and ordering is limited to two (2) kits per order.

Unused expired MAID drugs which have not been dispensed

Pharmacies can be reimbursed for the cost of the unused quantity of a MAID drug product only if it cannot be returned to the point of purchase and has expired. The cost of the unused, expired drug quantity will be reimbursed to the pharmacy through a manual claim process. The pharmacy will be required to complete the current manual claim form (Claim Form number ABC 55023 2015/12) and submit this to Alberta Blue Cross within one year following the **expiry of the drug product**.

The pharmacy will need to provide all the following information for each MAID drug product on the manual claim form:

- DIN
- Lot number
- Expiry date
- Drug quantity unused
- In the comment section of the manual claim indicate 'Expired MAID protocol drug product'

In addition, a copy of all relevant purchase invoices showing date of purchase and cost of the drug product must be attached to the manual claim form at time of submission.

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 Benefits and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims. **Visit ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php**



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