

Pharmacy Benefact

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Changes to your payment summary reconciliation reports are coming April 2019.

As outlined in Benefact 789, March 2019, Alberta Health (AH), the Alberta Pharmacists' Association (RxA), and Alberta Blue Cross have agreed to a two-year extension to the Pharmacy Funding Framework which will now expire March 31, 2022. On April 1, 2020 the Holdback will be eliminated.

For the upcoming fiscal year April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020, the Holdback Policy will be established at zero per cent and will be held at zero per cent throughout the fiscal year unless budget targets are not met.

Beginning on your April 18, 2019 payment summary reconciliation report, you will see the addition of two new lines—Holdback and Holdback Adj. At this time, these lines will reflect the Holdback set at zero per cent by indicating an amount of \$0. In the future, if the Holdback Policy is increased from zero per cent we will provide more detailed information at that time.

The following is an example of the payment summary within the reconciliation reports with the new lines for the Holdback:

Payment Amount	\$ 242.07
RxA Deduction	\$-0.05
RxA Ded Adj	\$0.00
Holdback	\$0
Holdback Adj	\$0
Chq Adj	\$0
Adj Not Yet Applied	\$0
Net Payment	\$242.02

Note only the addition of the Holdback and Holdback Adj lines are new. The format and layout of the remainder of the report will be the same as you are currently accustomed to.

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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