

# Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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## Happy Holidays!



## Have you received and returned your First Amending Agreement?

The Alberta Government, the Alberta Pharmacists' Association and Alberta Blue Cross have agreed to a two-year extension of the Pharmacy Funding Framework, which will now expire on March 31, 2022. It would have originally expired March 31, 2020.

To facilitate this extension, an individualized *First Amending Agreement* and accompanying documents were couriered to you the week of Dec 2, 2019. Information is also available online at <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-agreement.php>. In order to allow time for processing and ensure ongoing access to direct bill claims adjudication, you are invited to sign the *First Amending Agreement* and return it to us via fax (780-498-3549) by **January 15, 2020**.

If you have not received your copy of the *First Amending Agreement* or have questions on how to complete and return it, please contact the Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Agreement Management Team by email at [pamt@ab.bluecross.ca](mailto:pamt@ab.bluecross.ca) or by phone:

Edmonton and area: 780-498-8292

Toll free: 1-844-498-8292

### 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 [ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php](http://ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php)



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