

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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Changes to the calculation of the co-payment for government-sponsored plans (Group 1 and 66) for products on the Critical Supply Product List

At the direction of Alberta Health, the calculation of the dispensing fee coverage for products listed in the Critical Supply Product List will change for government-sponsored plans. Effective July 15, 2020, Seniors and Non-Group Coverage will now cover 90% of the dispensing fee for claims of drugs on the Critical Supply Product list which should be restricted to a 30-days supply. This will avoid any incremental out-of-pocket costs for plan members for the additional dispensing fees within a 100-day period. Claims will be adjudicated as follows:

For products on the **Critical Supply Product List**,

- eligible drug cost and upcharges will have a co-pay of 30 per cent,
- eligible dispensing fee will have a co-pay of 10 per cent, and
- a co-pay maximum of \$8.00 per claim.

For all other products, the adjudication will remain as:

- drug cost, upcharges and dispensing fee will have a co-pay of 30 per cent to a maximum of \$25.00 co-pay per claim.

The Critical Supply Product List is available at <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-resources.php> and is updated on an ongoing basis. We encourage pharmacies to bookmark this resource for reference purposes.

The Critical Supply Product List consists of products

- identified by Health Canada as Tier 3 drug shortages,
- products in critical supply as verified by wholesalers or drug manufacturers,
- temporary imported products allowed by Health Canada,
- temporary benefits added due to shortages, and
- products reported by pharmacies that have been investigated for availability.

In cases where a product is not on the Critical Supply Product List, pharmacies may contact the Alberta Blue Cross Provider Relations Contact Centre to have the product availability investigated.

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



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