

Temporary increase to Assessment for the Administration of a Publicly Funded Vaccine fee

Recognizing the vital role Alberta pharmacists continue to play in preventive health care and the challenges community pharmacists face as they shift practice operations including workflow, staffing, and incorporation of additional PPE, Alberta Health has temporarily increased the fee for the Assessment for the Administration of a Publicly Funded Vaccine from \$13.00 to \$15.00. This will assist pharmacists in providing Albertans with timely access to all publicly funded vaccines, including influenza, pneumococcal, and dTap.

Claims submitted from October 26, 2020, to March 31, 2021, for the following PINs are eligible for a fee of \$15.00.

Descriptor	PIN
Influenza – pregnant women	05666646
Influenza – greater than or equal to 65 years of age	05666602
Influenza – five (5) years to 64 years of age with an eligible chronic condition including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• cardiac or pulmonary disorders;• neurologic or neurodevelopment conditions;• diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases;• cancer, immune compromising conditions (due to underlying disease, therapy, or both);• renal disease;• anemia or hemoglobinopathy;• morbid obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 and over); and• children six (6) months to 18 years of age undergoing treatment for long periods with acetylsalicylic acid. And/or belong to a high-risk population, such as individuals who are Indigenous, homeless or otherwise marginalized.	05666606
Influenza – household or close contacts of individuals in the above three categories	05666604
Influenza – five (5) years to 64 years or age (routine) with no individual risk or not a household contact of an individual in a high-risk population	05666605
Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis combined vaccine (dTap)	05666670
Pneumococcal polysaccharide 23-valent vaccine (Pneumo-P 23)	05666671

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Retroactive claims adjustment

Alberta Blue Cross will be performing a review of claims which have been submitted for these PINs at a fee of \$13.00 between October 1, 2020, and October 26, 2020. An adjustment will be applied to provide an additional \$2.00 for each claim. This will appear within the cheque run of November 27 cut-off and electronic funds transfer deposit date of December 10, 2020. Payment reports will be accessible to the pharmacy on the Alberta Blue Cross pharmacy provider portal. The quantity on the claim transaction will reflect the number of claims adjusted.

No action is required by the pharmacy to facilitate this adjustment.

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

