

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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Retroactive claims adjustments for Assessment for the Administration of a Publicly Funded Vaccine Fee


As announced on October 26, 2020 (Benefact 908), Alberta Health has temporarily increased the fee for the Assessment for the Administration of the Publicly Funded Vaccine from \$13.00 to \$15.00. This increase is retroactive to October 1, 2020.

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

Retroactive claims adjustment

Alberta Blue Cross has completed a review of claims which were submitted for the applicable PINs (see table below) at a fee of \$13.00 between October 1, 2020, and October 26, 2020. An adjustment has been applied to provide an additional \$2.00 for each paid claim. The payment details of the adjustment will appear on the Reconciliation Report for Paid Alberta Pharmacy Services (APS) Claims, along with any other APS claims from that claiming period, dated 20201128. An electronic funds transfer deposit with a date of December 10, 2020, will be made for payment of these adjustments. The drug quantity on the reconciliation report reflects the number of claims that the additional \$2.00 was applied to and the drug cost reflects the total amount paid for these adjustments. An example of how the payment will appear on the reconciliation report is provided below.

The reconciliation reports are accessible to pharmacy providers on the Alberta Blue Cross pharmacy provider website at www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-secure-online-site.php.

		FOR: PHARMACY NAME PHARMACY ADDRESS BLUEVILLE, AB L1L 1L1										ACCOUNT: 06 APS PHARMACY NUMBER: ABXXXXXXXX CHEQUE DATE: 20201128 PAGE NUMBER: 2					
		RECONCILIATION REPORT FOR PAID APS CLAIMS															
BATCH NO.	PHN NUMBER	NAME SUR 1ST	SERVICE DATE	RX NUMBER	PRODUCT NUMBER	SSC	DRUG QTY.	DRUG COST	DRUG COST ADJUST.	UPCHRG	UPCHRG ADJUST.	FEE	FEE ADJUST.	SSF	SSF ADJUST.	GROSS PAYABLE	NET PAID
20201125	VFA000000	VAC FEE	20201125	00000001	999045	000	121.0	242.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	242.00	242.00

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 Reflects number of claims submitted between October 1 to October 26.

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 Drug cost reflects the total amount paid for each claim submitted between October 1 to October 26 and eligible for the additional \$2.00 adjustment.

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Adjustments have been applied to claims submitted for the following PINs from October 1, 2020, to October 26, 2020.

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 (dTdap)	05666670
Pneumococcal polysaccharide 23-valent vaccine (Pneumo-P 23)	05666671

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:

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FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area) • **FAX 1-877-305-9911** (toll free)

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