

## Enhanced validation of valid prescriber identification numbers for claims adjudication

All direct bill pharmacy claims from Alberta pharmacies must be submitted with the valid Alberta prescriber identification number and applicable reference code of the prescriber who authorized the prescription.

The integrity of data submitted by pharmacies affects not only the adjudication of claims but also reporting networks such as Pharmaceutical Information Network and Alberta Netcare. In addition, it assists in determining benefit status where restricted benefits are limited by designated prescribers.

Valid prescriber identification numbers can be referenced on the Alberta College of Pharmacy (ACP) website [abpharmacy.ca/pharmacists](http://abpharmacy.ca/pharmacists) and are to be used at time of direct bill claim submission. Alpha characters as a prefix or suffix to the actual prescriber identification numbers should not be used unless the applicable college has included this as part of the prescriber identification numbers. As of March 1, 2021, the inclusion of alpha characters in prescriber identification numbers will result in a claim reject code of **D3 – Prescriber is not authorized** unless the alpha character is part of the college assigned prescriber identification numbers.

At the time of claim, the appropriate **prescriber reference code** and **prescriber ID**, as noted in the tables below, must be used.

Prescriber type	Reference description	Reference code	Prescriber ID
Dietitians	College of Dietitians of Alberta	83	Actual ID
Midwives	Alberta Association of Midwives	88	Actual ID
Optometrists	Alberta College of Optometrists	87	Actual ID
Pharmacists	Alberta College of Pharmacists	86	Actual ID
Physicians	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta	81	Actual ID
Podiatrists	College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta	89	Actual ID
Registered Nurse Practitioners	College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta	82	Actual ID

For the Alberta prescribers listed below, the following **pseudo IDs** must be used.

Prescriber type	Reference description	Reference code	Prescriber ID
Dental Hygienists	College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta	84	88112DH
Dentists	Alberta Dental Association & College	85	88111DT

**\*\*The pseudo ID must include the capitalized alpha characters as listed above.**

For out-of-province prescribers, the appropriate prescriber reference code should be used along with the actual prescriber identification numbers.

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Only in circumstances where the prescriber identification number is unknown may the following **pseudo IDs** be used in conjunction with the appropriate prescriber reference code.

Prescriber type	Reference description	Reference code	Prescriber ID
Dietitians	College of Dietitians of Alberta	83	77111DI
Midwife	Alberta Association of Midwives	88	55111MW
Optometrists	Alberta College of Optometrists	87	44111OP
Physicians	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta	81	99111PH
Podiatrists	College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta	89	33111PD
Registered Nurse Practitioners	College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta	82	66111RN

**\*\*The pseudo ID must include the capitalized alpha characters as listed above.**

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.

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