

February 28, 2022

Dear Pharmacy Owner,

Alberta Health, the **Alberta Pharmacists' Association** (RxA) and Alberta Blue Cross have agreed to a three-year extension of the Pharmacy Funding Framework, which will now expire on March 31, 2025. It would have originally expired March 31, 2022.

As a result, please find attached a *Notice of Amendment*, effective April 1, 2022, for your records. Submission of claims by your pharmacy for pharmaceutical services provided on or after April 1, 2022 will be interpreted as your acceptance of the amendment. You are not required to sign or return the *Notice of Amendment* to Alberta Blue Cross.

If you have any question, please contact:

- Cindy Bullerkist from Alberta Blue Cross Provider and Pharmacy Services at cbullerk@ab.bluecross.ca or Dave Dolman from Alberta Blue Cross Government Health Benefits at ddolman@ab.bluecross.ca if you have questions regarding the *Notice of Amendment*; or
- Matt Tachuk from the RxA at matt.tachuk@rxa.ca if you have questions regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between Alberta Health and the RxA.

We appreciate our continued close working relationship with pharmacies in the shared interest of serving our mutual clients and meeting their health needs.

Regards,



Dianne Balon
Vice President, Government
Alberta Blue Cross

Attachment

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022

TO: ALL PROVIDERS described in each:

- A. the Alberta Blue Cross Pharmaceutical Services Provider Agreement (Pharmacy) made effective between April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2020 and amended by a written First Amending Agreement made effective April 1, 2020; and
- B. the Alberta Blue Cross Pharmaceutical Services Provider Agreement (Pharmacy) made effective from and after April 1, 2020;

(collectively referred to herein as the “Providers” and the “Pharmacy Agreements”).

FROM: ABC BENEFITS CORPORATION

o/a Alberta Blue Cross
(referred to herein as “ABC”)


DATE: February 28, 2022

ABC hereby notifies the Providers that:

1. According to 1.7(b) of the Pharmacy Agreements, “Coverage” means, in part, “the provisions of any appendix... attached hereto which, from time to time, discusses, describes, defines and/or relates to Pharmaceutical Services, Pharmaceutical Services Charges and/or Claims...”. Appendix “A” and Appendix “C” attached to and forming part of the Pharmacy Agreements each discuss, describe, define and/or relate to Pharmaceutical Services, Pharmaceutical Services Charges and/or Claims as each of those terms are defined in 1.13, 1.14 and 1.4 of the Pharmacy Agreements.
2. 14.1 and 14.2(a) of the Pharmacy Agreements discuss and contemplate the processes to amend the Pharmacy Agreements.
3. According to 14.2(a) of the Pharmacy Agreements, “... Alberta Blue Cross, on behalf of each Plan Sponsor, may, from time to time, in writing or otherwise make changes to... Coverage (the “Changes”)... and Alberta Blue Cross, on behalf of each Plan Sponsor will and does have the absolute and unfettered discretion to make Changes”.
4. Effective April 1, 2022, the provisions of Appendix “A” and of Appendix “C” of the Pharmacy Agreements are amended such that wherever the date March 31, 2022 appears each such date is replaced with the date March 31, 2025.

Respectfully,

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

Per: 

Dianne Balon
Vice President, Government