

Alberta COVID-19 Pharmacy Immunization Program (ACPIP)—Updates

Alberta Blue Cross and Alberta Health would like to thank you for all your efforts and patience as we continue to work together in delivering immunizations to Albertans.

As of April 14, 2021, there are now over 1,300 pharmacies administering COVID-19 vaccines.

Daily requirements

To remain as a participating pharmacy, the following must be completed daily:

- Alberta Vaccine Inventory (AVI) Reporting process;
- COVID Vaccine Appointment Reporting Portal process;
- Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI), if applicable;
- Temperature Excursions, if applicable; and
- Alberta Blue Cross claims submissions.

Claims procedures

Direct bill claims for the ACPIP are required to be submitted to Alberta Blue Cross on the day of service provided by the pharmacy. Submitted claims to Alberta Blue Cross will be uploaded into Imm/ARI daily, there is no need to submit a separate transaction to load claim information into Imm/ARI.

Please make note of the following:

- the correct PIN must be selected based on what your pharmacy is administering, see listing below;
- the PIN selected must be based on the patient's eligibility at the time of the claim;
- all claims must be submitted on the same day the vaccine was administered to the patient; and
- ensure you have the most current listing of PINs as eligibility expands.

Claims process

Claims for COVID-19 immunization will be eligible for \$25 per service and should be entered into the dispensing fee field.

All claims must be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE RT claims

- carrier code 16 (as the third-party plan);
- group number for all transactions must be 23464, Section 000;
- pharmacy license number;
- pharmacist identification number;
- client number—client's personal health number (PHN);
- client's full name—last and first name;
- client's date of birth;
- client's gender;
- relationship code—should your software require you to enter a relationship code, zero (0) must be used as the default;
- prescriber reference ID number (for example, license number of pharmacists with ACP injection authorization);
- service date;
- PIN—select correct PIN (see chart below);
- Special Service Code (SSC)—J;
- quantity (for example, one); and
- 86 should be used in the Prescriber Reference Code field.

Please DO NOT SEND test claims through the system.

Alberta Blue Cross has vigorously tested these codes to ensure their performance. Test claims will result in errors in reporting on vaccine uptake and immunization rates for Alberta, which may adversely impact the overall COVID-19 vaccine response plan.

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COVID-19 vaccine Pseudo Identification Numbers (PINs)

Pfizer vaccine	PIN	Descriptor
	10000002	PFIZER COVID VACCINE - ADV AGE COMMUNITY
	10000070	PFIZER COVID VACCINE - ADV AGE CONGREGATE CARE
	10000003	PFIZER COVID VACCINE - HEALTH CARE WORKER
	10000066	PFIZER COVID VACCINE - AGES 16 TO 64 HEALTH COND
	10000072	PFIZER COVID VACCINE - AGES 16 TO 64

Moderna vaccine	PIN	Descriptor
	20000002	MODERNA COVID VACCINE - ADV AGE COMMUNITY
	20000070	MODERNA COVID VACCINE - ADV AGE CONGREGATE CARE
	20000003	MODERNA COVID VACCINE - HEALTH CARE WORKER
	20000066	MODERNA COVID VACCINE - AGES 18 TO 64 HEALTH COND
	20000072	MODERNA COVID VACCINE - AGES 18 TO 64

AstraZeneca Vaccine	PIN	Descriptor
	50000003	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACCINE - HEALTH CARE WORKER
	50000072	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACCINE - COMMUNITY
	50050003	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACC - HEALTHCARE WORKER WALK IN
	50050072	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACCINE - WALK IN

Booking fee for COVID vaccine appointment reporting

Participating pharmacies will be able to bill for a daily booking fee of \$20 on days when this reporting is completed. All claims must be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE RT claims adjudication system with the following data elements:

- carrier code 16 (as the third-party plan);
- group number for all transactions must be 23464, Section 000;
- pharmacy license number;
- pharmacist identification number;
- client number—enter pseudo personal health number of **CV00000000**;
- client's full name: last and first name—enter **Covid** as the last name and **Booking** as the first name, blanks will reject;
- client's date of birth—enter the date of service;
- client's gender—U, M or F is acceptable;
- relationship code—zero (0) must be used as the default;
- prescriber reference ID number (for example, license number of pharmacists with ACP injection authorization);
- service date;
- Covid vaccine daily booking entry **PIN 00071126**;
- Special Service Code (SSC)—enter L;
- quantity (for example, one);
- prescriber reference code field—enter 86; and
- fee of \$20 is to be entered in the dispensing fee field.

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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