

Update to weekend premium process

As announced April 16, effective April 17, Alberta Health has applied a premium of \$10 per dose, increasing the fee from \$25 to \$35 for COVID-19 vaccine administered on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays. This premium will provide pharmacies with additional resources, which can be used to support staffing required during weekends and holidays if there is demand for immunization services in your community at these times.

Alberta Blue Cross has enhanced our claims systems to accommodate these claims. **Effective May 8** (this coming weekend), all COVID-19 vaccines administered on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays will require you adjust your fee to \$35 per vaccine administered on your direct bill claim.

Alberta Blue Cross has completed a review of claims that were submitted during the period of April 17 to May 2, 2021, and will be applying an adjustment. Moving forward, no further claims adjustments will occur.

Retroactive claims adjustments for the Alberta COVID-19 Pharmacy Immunization Program (ACPIP)

An adjustment has been applied to provide an additional \$10 for each ACP/IP vaccination provided on either Saturday or Sunday within this period. The payment details of these adjustments will appear on the *Reconciliation Report for APS Claims* dated 20210504 along with other APS claims within this pay period. An electronic funds transfer deposit date of May 13, 2021, will be made for payment of these adjustments. The Drug Quantity on the reconciliation report reflects the number of claims that the additional \$10 was applied to and the Drug Cost reflects the total amount paid for these adjustments. An example of how these payments 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 ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-secure-online-site.php.

The details on the reconciliation will be as follows:

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS™		FOR: PHARMACY NAME ADDRESS		ACCOUNT: 06 APS PHARMACY NUMBER: AB00000000 CHEQUE DATE: 20210513 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 ADJUST.	FEE	FEE ADJUST.	SSF	SSF ADJUST.	GROSS PAYABLE	NET PAID
20210503	VFA000000	VAC FEE	20210503	00000001	999051 000		10.0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00

Reflects number of claims submitted between April 17 to May 2.

Drug cost reflects the total amount paid for each claim submitted between April 17 to May 2 and eligible for the additional \$10 adjustment.

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

