



OPTICAL SERVICES PROVIDER USER GUIDE—ONLINE CLAIMS SUBMISSION

Alberta Blue Cross is pleased to offer online claims submission for optical providers. This convenient service is delivered through an easy-to-use, secure website and is available at no cost to all optical providers across Alberta.

Online submission provides the convenience of direct billing for eligible services for your customers with coverage through Alberta Blue Cross group and individual benefit plans, Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP), Optical Assistance for Seniors Program and Alberta Human Services program. Online Submission assures prompt payment directly from Alberta Blue Cross, while helping you retain existing customers and gain a competitive advantage over providers who may choose not to submit claims online.

When submitting claims online, this service will predetermine the patient's coverage and confirm

- · the amount Alberta Blue Cross will pay to your office, and
- · the amount you will need to collect from the patient.

Registering for site access

To register for online claims submission, please complete the Request for Secure Website Access form. If you want payments deposited directly into your bank account, please complete the Application for Direct Deposit of Funds form. These forms can be accessed through our public site at ab.bluecross.ca.

Please mail or fax your completed forms to

Health Services Provider, Alberta Blue Cross

10009 108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3C5 Fax: 780-498-3544

The Health Services Provider team at Alberta Blue Cross will create your website access based on your completed registration form. To protect your security, a login ID and temporary password will be sent in two separate emails to the email address provided on your registration form. Once you have received both of these emails, you can begin serving your customers through online claims submission.

Getting started online

Please refer to the information in the emails Alberta Blue Cross sends you when your initial registration is approved. These emails will contain your login ID and temporary password. Navigate to the Optical Provider Online Services site at **provider.ab.bluecross.ca/optical** and enter the login ID and password.

You will be asked to agree to the Web Site Policy and Online Billing Agreement, set up your two reminder questions and change your temporary password. This information will be used to verify your identity if you forget your password or require information about your account. Subsequent sign-ins will only require your login ID and password.

Claiming online is quick, easy and secure!

After validating a patient's identity and predetermining or preauthorizing results as confirmed by the patient, you simply submit the claim for processing. Within seconds of submission, results are displayed. The patient will be required to pay only the portion not covered under their benefit plan. The transaction is then complete.

Alberta Blue Cross has designed separate processes for entering claims for

- · group and individual plan members (next page),
- members covered under the Optical Assistance for Seniors Program (next page), and
- members covered under Alberta Human Services (page 15).

Alberta Blue Cross has separate processes for entering claims for group and individual plan members and for members covered under the Optical Assistance for Seniors Program or Alberta Human Services.

There are differences in the screen requirements, so please ensure patient information is entered on the correct screens. If a member has Coordination of Benefits (COB) between a group or individual plan and an Alberta Human Services program, please enter the claim through the group and individual plan area of the site. If there is a remaining balance that may be considered under the Alberta Human Services program, please complete and submit a claim form to Alberta Blue Cross for assessment. Similarly, if primary payment has been made by another insurer, a completed claim form will be required to consider the balance under the Alberta Human Services program.

Please note that payments for group, individual and Optical Assistance for Seniors Program participants will be issued on the same statement. Payments for Alberta Human Services programs will be issued on a separate statement on alternate weeks.

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Help

If you have questions about a screen, click on the blue button with a question mark. The help button has answers to questions that are frequently asked about the section.

EASY STEPS TO SUBMIT AND PROCESS A CLAIM FOR GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PLAN MEMBERS, OR OPTICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS PROGRAM

1. Select the appropriate group

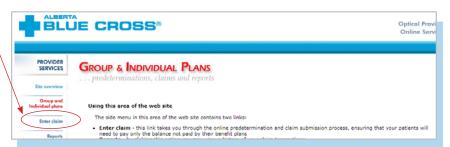
In the sidebar on the left, choose the coverage type for the member. The instructions in this section are for "Group and Individual plans" or "Optical Assistance for Seniors" claims.

2. Enter the patient's information

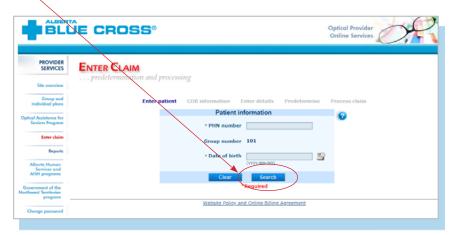
If you chose "Group and Individual plans" in the sidebar, navigate to the "Enter claim" menu option and enter the patient's ID number and group number exactly as they appear on their Alberta Blue Cross or ASEBP ID card. Then, ask the patient for their date of birth, enter the date and click the "Search" button.

If you chose "Optical Assistance for Seniors" in the sidebar, navigate to the "Enter claim" menu option and enter the patient's Personal Health Number (PHN) and date of birth and click the "Search" button.









This step applies only to OASP claims

3. Cataract surgery documentation

Confirm if the member has had a prescription change due to cataract surgery.

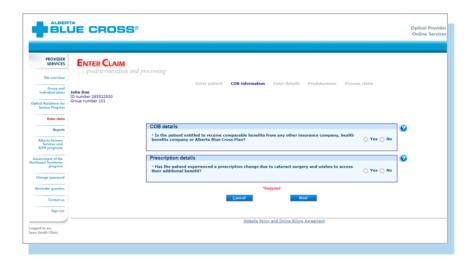
Ensure the surgery date entered matches the date of surgery listed on the correspondence.

3a. Verify whether the patient has Coordination of Benefits

Confirm if the patient has other active coverage and if payment has been made by another benefit carrier or provincial plan.

3b. Verify whether the patient has Coordination of Benefits

Confirm if the member has had a prescription change due to cataract surgery. Ensure the surgery date entered matches the date of surgery listed on the correspondence. Click "Choose File" and select the appropriate document. Once the document has been selected, click the "Upload" button. Click "Next" to proceed with claim entry.







Note

In order to receive this additional benefit, the member must provide documentation from an ophthalmologist or optometrist confirming that they have undergone cataract surgery. This document must be current, meaning it has not been previously used and it is within the current benefit period. Correspondence other than a letter, such as a lens implant identification card, can be accepted as confirmation of surgery, as long as it contains the following:

The patient's name

Date of the surgery

Surgeon's or ophthalmologist's name

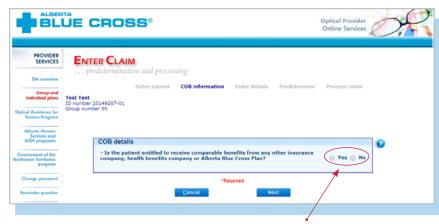
The remaining steps apply for both claim types.

4. Verify whether the patient has Coordination of Benefits

Confirm if the patient has other active coverage and if payment has been made by another benefit carrier or provincial plan.

If "No": continue below.

If "Yes": continue to page 7.



If "Yes", and the patient has active coverage with another benefit carrier, continue to the COB section on page 7.

5. Enter details

Select a product, enter a price then click "Add claim." Repeat these steps of or each product being considered.

When you are satisfied with the details you have entered, click the "Predetermine" button.

Please refer to article 4.4 in your Online Services Billing Agreement for more information regarding the service date.

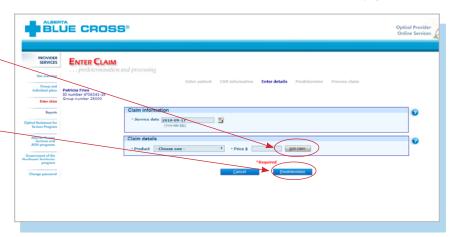
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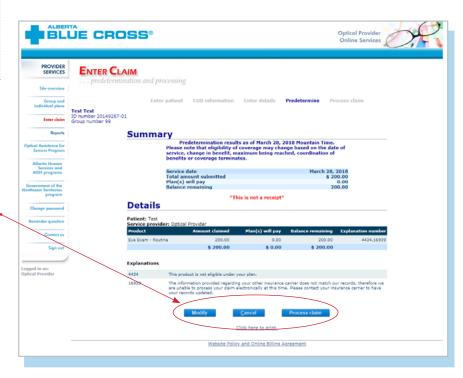
There may be some circumstances when a claim cannot be processed electronically.

You will receive a notification on this screen and these claims will have to be submitted manually by the patient to Alberta Blue Cross.

6. Predetermine

This is a simple inquiry into the patient's benefit plans to determine the coverage available. You can click "Modify" to go back to step 2, "Cancel" to exit without saving or "Process claim" to submit the claim online to Alberta Blue Cross for immediate processing.





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7. Process claim

You will receive a confirmation from Alberta Blue Cross within seconds of your submission.

A printable copy of the patient's claim statement is displayed.

8. Print summary

You must provide the patient with a printed copy of the claim statement.

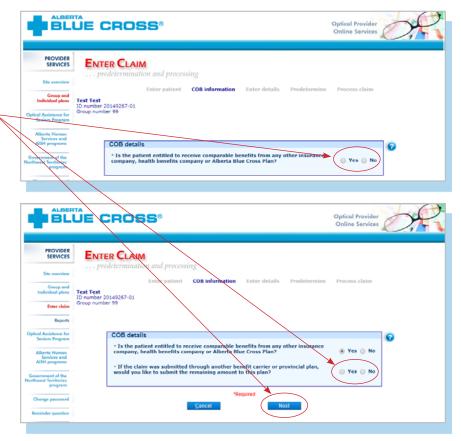
Click the "Print" button located at the top of the screen.

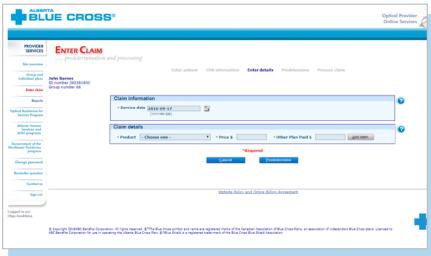


EASY STEPS FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION WITH COORDINATION OF BENEFITS BETWEEN ALBERTA BLUE CROSS AND ANOTHER BENEFIT CARRIER

1. Enter details

Click "Yes" if a portion of this claim has already been paid by another benefit carrier. Upon clicking, a second question will appear. Click "Yes" again if you would like to submit the remaining amount to this plan.

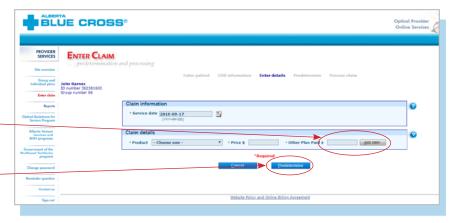




2. Enter the amount paid

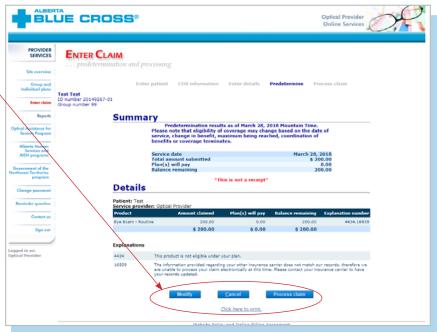
Enter the amount paid by the other benefit carrier for each claim line. If payments have been made by two or more other benefit carriers, combine the amount paid and enter one total for each claim line and click "Add claim."

Repeat the same process until all lines have been entered, then click "Predetermine".



3. Process claim

You will receive a confirmation from Alberta Blue Cross within seconds of your submission.



4. Print summary

A printable copy of the patient's Claim Statement is displayed. Click the "Print" command on the screen. You must provide the patient with a printed copy of the claim statement.



EASY STEPS TO ACCESS REPORTS FOR GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PLAN MEMBERS, OR OPTICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS PROGRAM

1. Reports

This screen allows you to pull up all claims waiting to be paid, history of settled claims and individual statements.

Outstanding payment report •

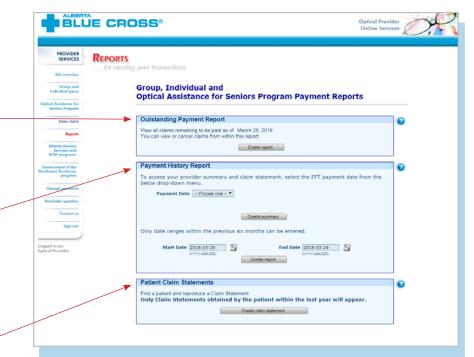
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Payment history report

Once the transactions have been paid, they will be removed from the "Outstanding payment report" and will appear on the "Payment history report". You can view payment history for the last six months.

Patient claim statements

This allows you to print a copy of the patient claim statements.



Note

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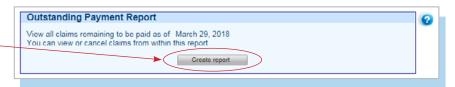


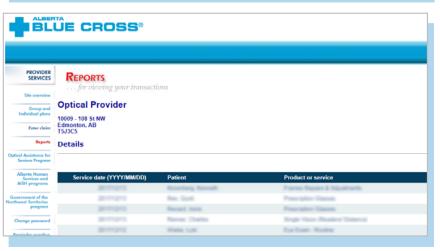


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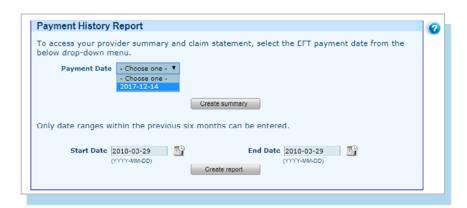


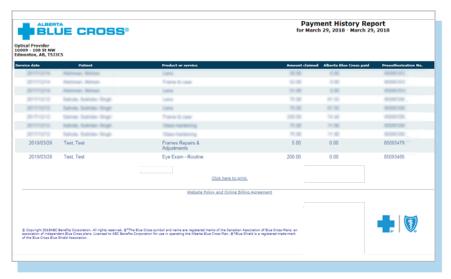


3. Payment history reports

Claims statements are available to view and print for one year.

Payment history is available for claims submitted in the last six months.





3a. Provider statement and summary

To access your claim statement, select the EFT payment date to create a PDF of your provider summary report, which can be saved or printed.



PROVIDER SUMMARY

Date: December 12, 2017 Health statement number: 53227245
PAYMENT MADE BY DIRECT DEPOSIT: 8449064

John Doe 123 ANYWHERE STREET BLUEVILLE AB L1L 1L1

Health claim summary

Total amount claimed	\$1,775.00
Amount not covered	\$1,430.00
Total amount paid	\$345.00

Details

Details					
Document number ID number		Patient name	Amount claimed	Amount paid	
85085341	294886200	Jane Doe	925.00	0.00	
85085343	508242800	Sam Doe	350.00	115.00	
85085348	262290420	Mary Doe	500.00	230.00	
Totals		Number of claims: 3	\$1,775.00	\$345.00	



PROVIDER SUMMARY

Detailed Listing

John Doe 123 ANYWHERE STREET BLUEVILLE AB L1L 1L1

Date: December 12, 2017 Statement number: 53227245
PAYMENT MADE BY DIRECT DEPOSIT: 8449064

Patient name: Jane Doe ID number: 294886200

2017/12/12 Prescription Lenses

Group: 101 Section: AKO Service Product or service Claimed

		Docum	nent ID: 85085341
Percent covered	Other plan paid	This plan paid	Explanation number*
	0.00	0.00	33226

2017/12/12 F Totals for Teiji *Explanations

date YYYY/MM/DD

See the numbered explanations below for details of how your claims were assessed. More than one numbered explanation may apply to a claim line. 33226 The maximum amount allowed for this service has been reached for this benefit period. You may be eligible for an additional benefit if new glasses/lenses are needed as a result of cataract surgery.

0.00

750.00

Patient name: Sam Doe

ID number:	508242800 Gro	up: 101 Section	on: AF6			Do	cument ID: 85085343
Service date YYYY/MM/DD	Product or service	Clair	med Eligible ount amount		Other plan paid	This plan paid	Explanation number*
2017/12/12	Cinale Vision /Bearles		00 115.00	1009/	0.00	115.00	207

Service date YYYY/MM/DD	Product or service	Claimed amount	Eligible amount	Percent covered	Other plan paid	This plan paid	Explanation number*
2017/12/12	Single Vision (Readers/	275.00	115.00	100%	0.00	115.00	307
2017/12/12	Bifocals	75.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	33226
Totals for Ro	у	\$350.00			\$0.00	\$115.00	

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Patient name: Mary Doe

Service Product or service date	Claimed amount	Eligible amount	Percent covered	Other plan paid	This plan paid	Explanation number*
2017/12/12 Prescription glasses	500.00	230.00	100%	0.00	230.00	307
Totals for Adele	\$500.00			\$0.00	\$230.00	

*Explanations

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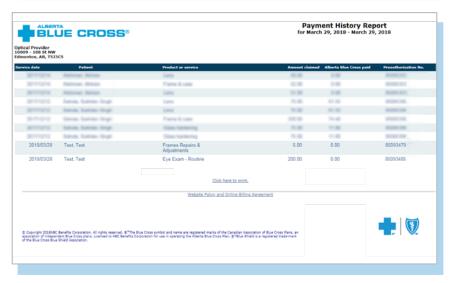


3b. Payment history report

Enter a start and end date for the claim information you wish to display.

All transactions that have been paid by Alberta Blue Cross to your office within the specified time are listed on a printer-friendly screen. Statement IDs and document numbers are included for your reference, as well as details about each patient's claim.





EASY STEPS TO CANCEL A CLAIM FOR GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PLAN MEMBERS, OR OPTICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS PROGRAM

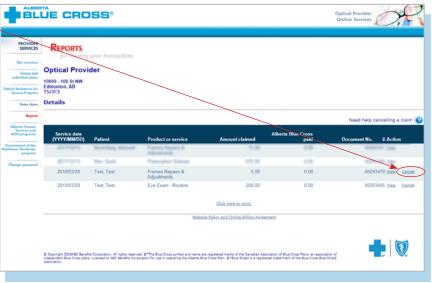
1. Report

Create an outstanding payment report.

2. Cancel

To cancel a claim, click the hyperlink.

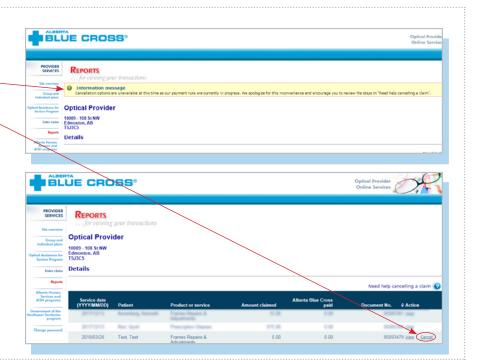




Note

If a payment run is in progress, you will receive notification that the claim cannot be cancelled.

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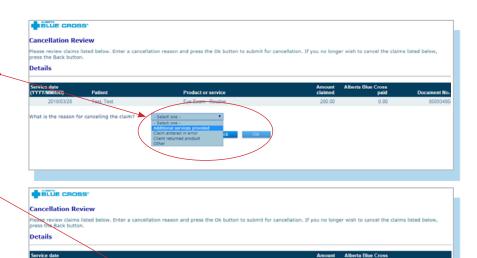


3. Cancellation review

If you choose to cancel a claim, you will be asked for the reason. A drop-down menu lists common reasons.

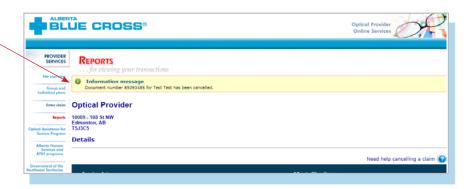
When cancelling a claim, all claims associated with the document number must be cancelled.

If you select "Other", please provide the reason.



4. Cancellation

Once a claim has successfully been cancelled, red text appears at the top of the screen as confirmation.



EASY STEPS TO SUBMIT AND PROCESS A CLAIM FOR ALBERTA HUMAN SERVICES

Preauthorizing benefits

1. Enter the patient's information

Choose "Alberta Human Services and AISH programs" in the sidebar on the left. Navigate to the "Preauthorize" menu option and enter the patient's ID number and date of birth exactly as it appears on their ID card.

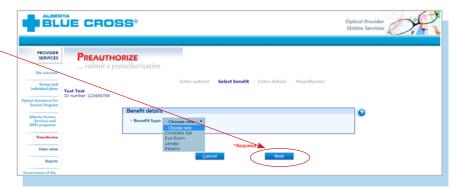
Answer the question about Coordination of Benefits information and click the "Search" button.





2. Select benefit

Choose a benefit type from the drop-down menu and select "Next".

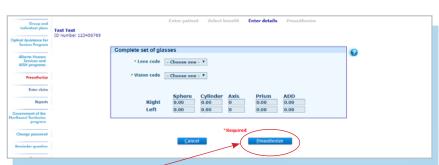


3. Enter details

Choose the applicable product code from the drop-down menu. If required, please include prescription information.

You will be asked to enter the applicable information. For example, if you are claiming a lens, you will choose the body side, lens code and vision code.

When entering the prescription details with positive values, the plus (+) sign is not required. Click the "Preauthorize" button.



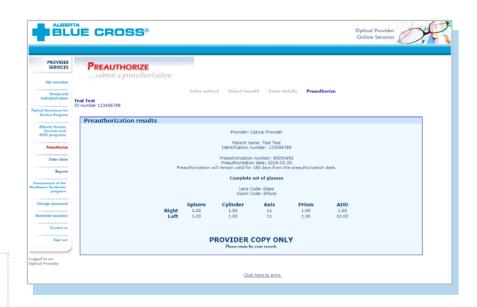
4. Preauthorize

This is the screen where you will be provided with the preauthorization results. You can print this page or find the preauthorization result in the reports section.

If a claim has been approved on an exception basis by the program sponsor, one of the Health Services Provider Relations representatives will contact you to set up the preauthorization. Please submit a fully completed claim form once the claim has been authorized.

Note

Preauthorizations are valid for 180 days.



Entering claims

1. Preauthorization number

Enter the preauthorization number in the field provided. To view all preauthorizations affiliated with your office, simply select "View all."

2. Enter details

Your preauthorized claim details will be populated in the "Enter claim" screen. If there are additional products, select the product code and body side. Then, click "Add product." Repeat these steps for each product being added.

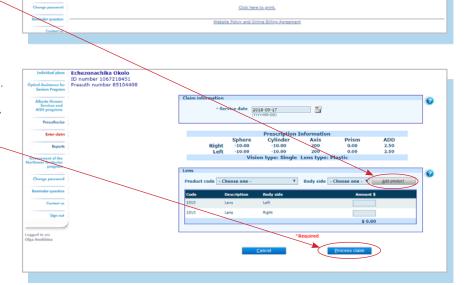
Some products may require medical information for eligibility. From the drop-down menu, choose the patient's applicable medical condition.

Once all products have been selected, enter the corresponding amounts.

Click the "Process claim" button.



Outstanding Preauthorizations



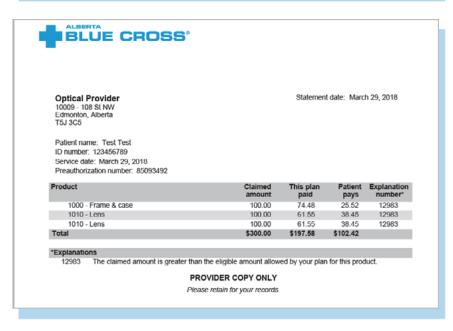
3. Process claim

Once the claim has been processed, you will receive notification that the claim has been successfully submitted.

4. View claim statement

You will receive confirmation of your submission. You may save a copy for your records.





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Alberta Human Services and AISH Programs Payment

Only Claim Statements obtained by the patient within the last year will appear.

End Date 2018-03-29

Only date ranges within the previous six months can be entered.

Reports and Outstanding Preauthorizations

Outstanding Preauthorizations

Outstanding Payment Report

Payment History Report

Payment Date - Choose one - V

Start Date 2018-03-29

EASY STEPS TO ACCESS REPORTS FOR ALBERTA HUMAN SERVICES

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REPORTS

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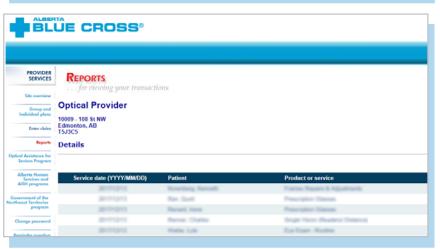


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3. Payment history reports

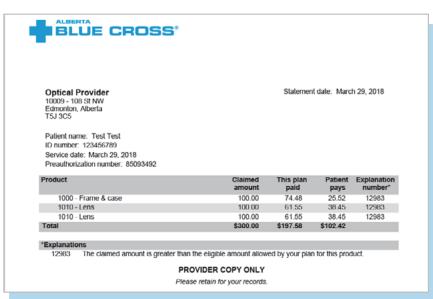
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EASY STEPS TO CANCEL A CLAIM FOR ALBERTA HUMAN SERVICES

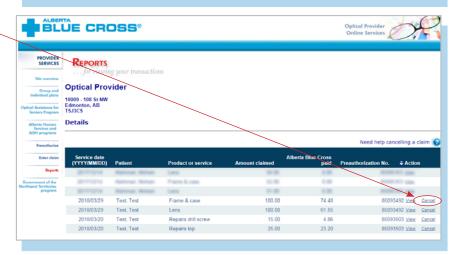
1. Report

Create an outstanding payment report.

Group, Individual and Optical Assistance for Seniors Program Payment Reports Outstanding Payment Report View all claims remaining to be paid as of March 29, 2018 You can view or cancer-slaims from within this report. Create report

2. Cancel

To cancel a claim, click the hyperlink.



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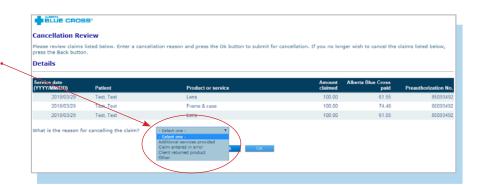
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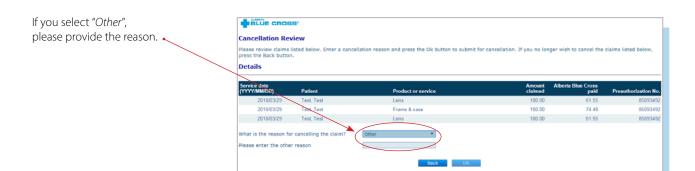


3. Cancellation review

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When cancelling a claim, all claims associated with the document number must be cancelled.



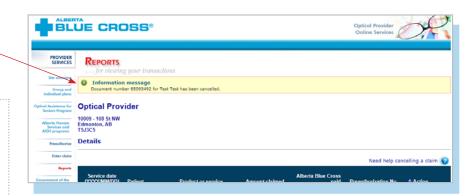


4. Cancellation

Once a claim has successfully been cancelled, red text appears at the top of the screen as confirmation.

Note

Cancelling a claim does not cancel a preauthorization associated with the claim. The preauthorization must be cancelled separately, or it can be used to process a new claim.



EASY STEPS TO CANCEL A PREAUTHORIZATION FOR ALBERTA HUMAN SERVICES

1. Report

Create an outstanding preauthorization payment report by entering the date range.

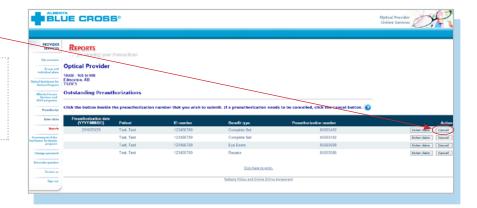


2. Cancel

Select the preauthorization number and click "C ancel."

Note

A preauthorization cannot be cancelled if any associated claims are still active.



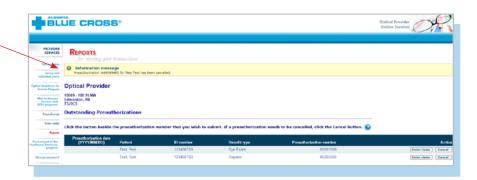
3. Confirm

You will be asked to confirm that you want to cancel the preauthorization.



4. Cancellation

A message is displayed at the top of the screen when the preauthorization has been cancelled successfully.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Using the Health Services Provider site, an Internet connection and your browser, you can submit claims online at your convenience. Most computer systems today have everything required to use this website successfully.

We're serious about privacy and security

The confidentiality of your records is very important—to you, and to us. You are responsible for your login ID and password. They are intended for your office's use only. We protect your information in various ways, including

- · encrypting all information;
- · securely delivering your login ID and password;
- denying access to website users after five consecutive unsuccessful sign-in attempts;
- automatically signing site users out after 30 minutes of inactivity; and
- requiring written authorization before granting access to the Health Services Provider site.

CONTACT US

For more information about access to the Health Services Provider site, contact Alberta Blue Cross Health Provider Service Relations at

- 780-498-8083 (Edmonton and area),
- toll free at 1-800-588-1195 (all other areas), or
- email at healthing@ab.bluecross.ca.

The online claims submission system is available Monday to Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

Our regular office hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time.





