

A REFERENCE GUIDE

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FOR PHARMACISTS BILLING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Alberta Blue Cross administers the Alberta COVID-19 Pharmacy Immunization Program (ACPIP) on behalf of Alberta Health. The following claims billing information is meant to assist with your direct bill claim submission.



PIN INFORMATION

Listed below are the PINs eligible under ACPIP. For claiming purposes and patient eligibility at the time of the claim, choose the PIN that appropriately reflects the vaccine type and demographic for your patient. Pharmacists can check NETCARE for patient eligibility and previous administration of COVID-19 vaccine and type.

COVID-19 vaccine Pseudo Identification Numbers (PINs)

PFIZER VACCINE	PIN	Descriptor
	10000002	PFIZER COVID VACCINE - ADV AGE COMMUNITY
	10000070	PFIZER COVID VACCINE - CONGREGATE CARE
	10000003	PFIZER COVID VACCINE - HEALTH CARE WORKER
	10000066	PFIZER COVID VACCINE - WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS
	10000072	PFIZER COVID VACCINE - COMMUNITY

MODERNA VACCINE	PIN	Descriptor
	20000002	MODERNA COVID VACCINE - ADV AGE COMMUNITY
	20000070	MODERNA COVID VACCINE - CONGREGATE CARE
	20000003	MODERNA COVID VACCINE - HEALTH CARE WORKER
	20000066	MODERNA COVID VACCINE - WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS
	20000072	MODERNA COVID VACCINE - COMMUNITY

ASTRAZENECA VACCINE	PIN	Descriptor
	50000002	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACCINE - ADV AGE COMMUNITY
	50000070	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACCINE - CONGREGATE CARE
	50000003	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACCINE - HEALTH CARE WORKER
	50000072	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACCINE - COMMUNITY
	50000066	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACCINE - WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS
	50050003	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACC - HEALTHCARE WORKER WALK IN
	50050072	ASTRAZENECA COVID VACCINE - COMMUNITY WALK IN

If a client falls under more than one PIN category, the number uppermost in the list should be used.

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CLAIMING INFORMATION

Direct bill claims for the ACPIP must be submitted to Alberta Blue Cross on the day the vaccine was administered to the patient by the pharmacy. Claims submitted to Alberta Blue Cross will be uploaded to IMM/ARI daily so there is no need to submit a separate transaction to load claim information into IMM/ARI.

Claiming requirements for vaccine administration

Claims for COVID-19 immunization will be eligible for \$25 per service Monday to Friday and \$35 per service on weekends and statutory holidays and should be entered into the dispensing fee field.

On a temporary basis, only the allied health care professionals listed below, who are enabled through their scope of practice and regulatory environments to administer COVID-19 vaccines, may be employed by pharmacies to administer COVID-19 vaccines in a pharmacy setting:

- critical and advanced care paramedics,
- dentists,
- nurse practitioners,
- registered nurses,
- licensed practical nurses,
- certified graduate nurses,
- midwives, and
- physicians.

All claims must be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE RT claims 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 or **AHP221** when administered by an allied health care professional;
- 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 or **AHP221** when administered by an allied health care professional);
- service date;
- PIN—select correct PIN (see chart above);
- 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.

Claiming requirements for 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.

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