

Alberta Employment and Immigration client ID validation enhanced for 1976 drug authorizations

As a reminder, to reduce unnecessary rejections when using a Alberta Employment and Immigration (AEI) 1976 Drug Authorization, ensure the Client File ID number in the Client ID field appears as it is written on the authorization form. This number must be 10 digits long, left justified and zero filled, if required.

How to ensure the claim does not reject

When the Client File ID number does not follow the guidelines outlined above, the claim submitted with an invalid Client File ID will be rejected with a rejection code of “**32 - Client ID # Error.**”

Below are examples of common errors.

- All zeros are entered for the Client File ID number (for example: 0000000000).
- Alpha-numeric characters are entered (for example: AC22343).
- Fewer than 10 digits are entered in the Client ID field (for example: 9999).

Submission tips for 1976 Drug Authorization claims

Each 1976 drug authorization number is unique: it is issued to one specific pharmacy for one specific client for no longer than one month. This number may be issued under the following circumstances:

- In cases of emergency medical situations, the client requires coverage and a Client File ID number is not established or valid for the period of time.
- In situations where a client with restricted drug benefits (limited to one pharmacy within a given month) relocates and must go to a second pharmacy within that given month.

When a 1976 drug authorization number is required, it's necessary to submit the following information with a claim:

- The Client File ID number, 10 digits in length (to be entered in the Client ID field).
- The eight-digit authorization number (to be entered in the Special Authorization field). The first three digits comprise the Region and the District office codes located on the top left-hand side of the form. The five digits printed on the top right-hand side of the form follow these three digits.

To avoid rejections, make certain that the Client File ID number and authorization number accurately represent the numbers on the 1976 Drug Authorization form and are entered in the appropriate fields.



Eight-digit authorization number

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Income Support
Drug Authorization



AHRE Service Centre Code

DRUG AUTHORIZATION NUMBER

NOT TO EXCEED ONE MONTH OF ASSISTANCE.
yyyy mm dd yyyy mm dd

Prescription drug services for the period _____ to _____

Drugs as prescribed by a physician, dentist or podiatrist and covered by Alberta Employment, Industry and Immigration.

NOTE TO SUPPLIER/VENDOR

Restricted to 1 Pharmacy

- All prescription drug services authorized are to be purchased only from the vendor shown.
- Please quote the AHRE Service Centre code, file number and drug authorization number on all billings for prescriptions issued under this authorization. Forward the billing to Alberta Blue Cross for payment. Retain this form on your file for audit purposes.
- This is your authority to supply prescription drug services in respect of:

Client file number

PERSONS COVERED:

Last name First name Birth date
yyyy mm dd

Client's Name _____
Last name First name

Client's Mailing Address _____

Postal Code _____

Client File Number _____

The Department will pay for only the goods authorized. This authorization does not constitute an acknowledgement or acceptance by the Department of liability in any action brought by any person in connection with the goods or services supplied pursuant to this authorization.

SIGNATURE OF ISSUING STAFF MUST BE PRESENT BEFORE HONOURING.

Name of Issuing Staff _____ Title _____ Phone Number _____

Signature of Issuing Staff _____ Issue Date _____ Name of AHRE Service Centre _____
yyyy mm dd

Product supply shortage addressed for **AHWDBL**

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by AA Pharma Inc. that the shortage of Gliclazide MR 30 mg Sustained Release Tablet (DIN 02297795) has been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of this shortage, a transition period will be applied and, as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping effective August 19, 2011.

GLICLAZIDE

30 MG ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET

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|--------------|---------------|-----|-----------|
| 00002297795 | GLICLAZIDE MR | AAP | \$ 0.1405 |
| 000002242987 | DIAMICRON MR | SEV | \$ 0.1510 |

Temporary benefit added to **AHWDBL**

Due to the unavailability of Mylan-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02256126) by Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC, Apo-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02286637) manufactured by Apotex Inc. will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List (AHWDBL)*.

As of July 19, 2011, all claims for Apo-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02286637) will be adjudicated to the pharmacy's actual acquisition cost (AAC) until further notice.

Please be advised this product is still subject to the usual review process by the Expert Committee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics and must be approved by the Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness for addition to the *AHWDBL* in order to remain as a benefit.



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