

Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP)— September 1, 2015

Coverage of additional vaccines, removal of some over-the-counter medications and enhanced special authorization process

On **September 1, 2015**, ASEBP will introduce the following changes to their drug benefit plan:

- Inclusion of coverage for some preventative vaccines.
- Discontinuation of coverage for non-life-sustaining over-the-counter (OTC) drug products.
- Special authorization process changes for specific health conditions.

The Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE^{RT} real-time claim adjudication system will continue to provide you with confirmation of member and product eligibility at time of claim.

Effective **September 1, 2015**, ASEBP will commence administration of the special authorization process for the five health conditions listed below. Alberta Blue Cross will no longer be involved in assessing special authorization requests for these conditions:

- rheumatoid arthritis,
- multiple sclerosis,
- Crohn's disease/colitis,
- severe psoriasis, and
- chronic hepatitis C.

Physicians will be notified of this change in process and advised to direct special authorization requests for these health conditions directly to ASEBP. Physicians may also obtain forms for these special authorization requests directly from ASEBP. Physicians and members requiring a status of their special authorization requests for these health conditions are to contact ASEBP.

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There will be no change to the special authorization process for conditions outside of those listed. Special authorization requests for conditions outside of those listed will continue to be sent to and assessed by Alberta Blue Cross.

Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations call centre representatives continue to be available to assist with claim inquiries you may have for ASEBP members at the contact numbers listed below.

When you have questions:

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)



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