

## Deletion of pneumococcal vaccine schedules

As you are aware, Pneumococcal 20-valent Conjugate Vaccine or Pevnar 20™ (Pneu-C20) will be available through the provincially funded immunization program offered through pharmacies **beginning July 1, 2024**. As part of ongoing efforts to maintain up-to-date schedules in AVBS, we would like to provide clarification on the transition period for vaccine appointments in AVBS.

**Starting July 1, 2024**, pharmacies will be able to schedule appointments for Albertans aged 18 to 64 years and 65 years of age or older through AVBS. According to our records, some pharmacies have created schedules for pneumococcal vaccine appointments for the period of June 24 to June 30. Please disable or delete these schedules to avoid confusion for individuals aged 18 to 64 who may be booking appointments during that week.

Schedules can be created for appointment dates **starting July 1, 2024**.

On June 24, all pneumococcal vaccine schedules between June 24 and 30 (inclusive) will be deactivated without prior notification if no action is taken on your part.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

**AVBS Team**

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)

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