

Unit of Issue changes from “cartridge” to “dose”

Effective **February 22, 2016**, please be advised that the Units of Issue of Combivent Respimat 20 mcg/100 mcg Inhalation Solution (DIN 02419106), Inspiroto Respimat 2.5 mcg/Actuation Inhalation Solution (DIN 02441888) and Spiriva Respimat 2.5 mcg/Actuation Inhalation Solution (DIN 02435381) will be changed from cartridge to dose. Where claims were previously submitted on a per cartridge basis, they will need to be submitted on a per dose basis. The drug cost will be revised to a per dose basis.

As the Unit of Issue will be updated for these products, a quantity of the respective doses below will be applied. Providers will be required to enter the correct minimum quantity when submitting claims for this product. Claims submitted with an incorrect minimum quantity will result in a rejection. The rejection code you will receive is **DQ – quantity is less than minimum per claim**.

DIN	Product description	Package size in doses
00002419106	Combivent Respimat 20 mcg/100 mcg Inhalation Solution	120
00002441888	Inspiroto Respimat 2.5 mcg/Actuation Inhalation Solution	60
00002435381	Spiriva Respimat 2.5 mcg/Actuation Inhalation Solution	60

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With increasing numbers of Albertans travelling and working outside the province, Alberta Blue Cross is pleased to announce that we now hold the exclusive licence for the Blue Shield mark in Alberta.

To our customers, this means greater peace of mind when outside our province through our strengthened alliance with the global Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan network—arguably the world’s most recognized and trusted health care brand. The licence also provides access to an international network to facilitate sharing of knowledge, insights and innovation.

Over the next six months, you’ll begin to see some changes as we start to incorporate the Blue Shield symbol in uses such as new and replacement ID cards, cheques and statements. Between now and August 2016, we will undertake a transition period where we will gradually be adding the Blue Shield symbol to the majority of our collateral materials.

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Who we are and what we do isn't changing. Alberta Blue Cross remains the same independent, not-for-profit health benefit provider that is recognized and trusted as one of Alberta's Top 10 Most Loved Brands and one of Alberta's Most Respected Organizations. Collectively the Blue Cross Plans across Canada deliver coverage to more Canadians than any other benefit provider—and the value and expertise that plan sponsors need.

As Alberta's largest benefit provider, Alberta Blue Cross covers more than 1.6 million Albertans.

We appreciate your support as we continue to work together to provide excellent service to Albertans.

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)

Alberta Blue Cross offers online access to current Pharmacy Benefacts and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims. Visit <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php>



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