

## Emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate added to the Alberta Public Health Activities Program (APHAP) Alberta HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Program

Effective **October 1, 2018**, generic emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 200 mg/300mg tablets will be available at no cost to Albertans who are clinically eligible and receive a prescription from a designated prescriber under the Alberta HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Program. Alberta Blue Cross is facilitating payment of claims for emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 200 mg/300mg tablets for HIV PrEP under the Alberta HIV PrEP Program when submitted by licensed pharmacies in Alberta.

The following products are eligible for coverage effective October 1, 2018:

DIN	Product description
00002452006	Apo-Emtricitabine-Tenofovir 200 mg/300 mg Tablet
00002443902	Mylan-Emtricitabine/Tenofovir 200 mg/300 mg Tablet
00002399059	Teva-Emtricitabine/Tenofovir 200 mg/300 mg Tablet

### Program participation and benefit eligibility

To be eligible for the Alberta HIV PrEP Program at no cost to the individual, patients must:

- be registered with the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and have a valid Personal Health Number (PHN); pseudo PHNs are not eligible under this program, and
- be the subject of a valid prescription for emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 200 mg/300 mg from a registered designated prescriber for the Alberta HIV PrEP Program.

### Prescriber eligibility

A registered designated prescriber for the Alberta HIV PrEP Program is a health care professional who is named on the Alberta Health Services Designated PrEP Prescriber List. These prescribers will have knowledge and expertise in HIV prevention to assess an individual's medical need and readiness for PrEP and agree to prescribe to high-risk individuals in accordance with the established provincial clinical guidelines.

For more information regarding patient eligibility under the Alberta HIV PrEP Program or how to become a designed HIV PrEP prescriber or to view the guidelines and designated prescriber list, please visit [albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page16048.aspx](http://albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page16048.aspx) or call Health Link by dialing 811 (toll-free number 1-866-408-5465).

Non-designated prescribers may continue prescribing emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 200 mg/300 mg for HIV PrEP; however, these prescriptions will not be eligible for claim reimbursement through the Alberta HIV PrEP Program.

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## Claim processes

Pharmacies that participate in the Alberta Blue Cross Pharmaceutical Services Provider Agreement (PSPA) are able to direct bill eligible claims under the APHAP program. Claims will adjudicate according to the pricing outlined in the PSPA, which includes the Allowable Upcharge #1 (3%), the Allowable Upcharge #2 (7%) and the Dispensing Fee of \$12.15.

The program provides for direct bill claims submission only. **Patients who receive a prescription through the HIV PrEP Program are not eligible to claim for reimbursement.**

When billing claims for the eligible product, Alberta Blue Cross requires that the claims be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE-RT direct bill claim adjudication system with the following claim data elements:

- Carrier Code: 16 [Alberta Public Health Activities Program (APHAP)]
- Group number for all transactions must be 23464, Section 000
- Pharmacy ID Number
- Pharmacist Identification Number
- Client number: plan member's Personal Health Number (PHN)
- Client member's full name: last and first name
- Client member's date of birth
- Client member's gender
- Relationship code: should your software require you to enter a relationship code, zero (0) must be used as the default
- Prescriber ID Number
- Prescriber ID Reference Code : 81
- Service Date
- DIN of the dispensed product
- Quantity
- Days Supply

## No changes to existing government-sponsored HIV programs

There are no changes to how the HIV treatment programs and post-exposure HIV programs are accessed.

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## 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 Benefits and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims. **Visit [ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php](http://ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php)**



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