

# A REFERENCE GUIDE

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## FOR PHARMACISTS BILLING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Alberta Blue Cross administers the Alberta COVID-19 Pharmacy Immunization Program (ACPIP) on behalf of Alberta Health. The following claims billing information is meant to assist with your direct bill claim submission.



### UPDATED LIST OF PINS FOR COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION

The following table is the complete list of PINs to be used by pharmacies for COVID-19 immunizations. Additional information regarding eligibility criteria is available at <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>.

Reason code	Descriptor	PIN (pharmacy use)
3	Health care workers not including LTC/DSL	10000003 (Pfizer/BioNTech monovalent)
		20000003 (Moderna monovalent)
		21800003 (Moderna bivalent BA.1)
44	LTC/DSL staff	10000044 (Pfizer/BioNTech monovalent)
		20000044 (Moderna monovalent)
		21800044 (Moderna bivalent BA.1)
22	LTC/DSL resident	10000022 (Pfizer/BioNTech monovalent)
		20000022 (Moderna monovalent)
		21800022 (Moderna bivalent BA.1)
70	Other congregate care living settings (e.g., senior lodges, corrections, group homes)	10000070 (Pfizer/BioNTech monovalent)
		20000070 (Moderna monovalent)
		21800070 (Moderna bivalent BA.1)
2	Advanced age (65+)	10000002 (Pfizer/BioNTech monovalent)
		20000002 (Moderna monovalent)
		21800002 (Moderna bivalent BA.1)
		11700002 (Pfizer/BioNTech bivalent BA4.5)
66	Other risk (individuals 12 years to 64 years of age with underlying health conditions)	10000066 (Pfizer/BioNTech monovalent)
		20000066 (Moderna monovalent)
		21800066 (Moderna bivalent BA.1) only 18+
72	12 years to 64 years of age	10000072 (Pfizer/BioNTech monovalent)
		20000072 (Moderna monovalent)
		20003072 (Moderna monovalent booster half dose 50 mcg)
		11700072 (Pfizer/BioNTech bivalent BA4.5)
		21800072 (Moderna bivalent BA.1) only 18+
74	COVID-19 additional dose for travel	10000074 (Pfizer/BioNTech monovalent)
		20000074 (Moderna monovalent)
75	5 years to 11 years of age	11000075 (Pediatric Pfizer/BioNTech monovalent)
		21000075 (Moderna monovalent 50 mcg dose for 6 years to 11 years of age)

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# CLAIMING INFORMATION

Direct bill claims for the ACPIP must be submitted to Alberta Blue Cross on the day the vaccine was administered to the patient by the pharmacy. Claims submitted to Alberta Blue Cross will be uploaded to IMM/ARI daily so there is no need to submit a separate transaction to load claim information into IMM/ARI.

## Claiming requirements for vaccine administration

Claims for COVID-19 immunization will be eligible for \$25 per service Monday to Friday and \$35 per service on weekends and statutory holidays and should be entered into the dispensing fee field.

On a temporary basis, only the allied health care professionals listed below, who are enabled through their scope of practice and regulatory environments to administer COVID-19 vaccines, may be employed by pharmacies to administer COVID-19 vaccines in a pharmacy setting:

- critical and advanced care paramedics,
- dentists,
- nurse practitioners,
- registered nurses,
- licensed practical nurses,
- certified graduate nurses,
- midwives, and
- physicians.

All claims must be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE RT claims with the following data elements:

- carrier code 16 (as the third-party plan);
- group number for all transactions must be 23464, Section 000;
- pharmacy license number;
- pharmacist identification number or **AHP221** when administered by an allied health care professional;
- client number—client's personal health number (PHN);
- client's full name—last and first name;
- client's date of birth;
- client's gender;
- relationship code—should your software require you to enter a relationship code, zero (0) must be used as the default;
- prescriber reference ID number (for example, license number of pharmacists with ACP injection authorization or **AHP221** when administered by an allied health care professional);
- service date;
- PIN—select correct PIN (see chart above);
- Special Service Code (SSC)—J;
- quantity (for example, one); and
- 86 should be used in the Prescriber Reference Code field.

Please DO NOT SEND test claims through the system. Alberta Blue Cross has vigorously tested these codes to ensure their performance. Test claims will result in errors in reporting on vaccine uptake and immunization rates for Alberta, which may adversely impact the overall COVID-19 vaccine response plan.

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH BENEFIT OR CLAIM INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT AN ALBERTA BLUE CROSS PHARMACY SERVICES PROVIDER RELATIONS CONTACT CENTRE REPRESENTATIVE AT

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