

Paxlovid renal dose packs

New PAXLOVID™ dose packs **for use in patients with moderate renal impairment** are expected to be available for pharmacies to order from their wholesale distributor starting in August 2022. Pfizer has introduced this new packaging configuration to mitigate dosing errors, given these patients require a reduced daily dose of nirmatrelvir.

Each carton of the new dose pack contains **20 tablets** divided into five daily-dose blister cards. Each daily blister card contains two nirmatrelvir tablets (150 mg each) and two ritonavir tablets (100 mg each), which are separated into morning and evening doses.

A new **DIN 02527804** was issued for the new renal dose packaging. Further information on claim submission for this DIN can be found at <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/paxlovid-reference-guide.pdf>.

A link to the product monograph is available at pdf.hres.ca/dpd_pm/00066256.PDF.

Quantities for the new renal dose packs will be limited. Pharmacy teams are asked to order **ONLY** the minimum amount to meet demand in their community.

In the event that the new dose pack is not available, please refer to dosing adjustments to original PAXLOVID™ dose pack (DIN 02524031) outlined in the Health Canada communication on dosing and dispensing for renal impairment, under the information for health care professionals section at recalls-rappels.canada.ca/en/alert-recall/paxlovid-nirmatrelvir-and-ritonavir-dosing-and-dispensing-renal-impairment-risk.

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 ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php

