

Update on assessment for administration of COVID-19 vaccine

In follow-up to Benefact #1130, issued on September 29, 2023, Alberta Health is providing the following update.

As previously stated, pharmacists are valued partners in our health system and have been integral to our efforts to reduce COVID-19 transmission. Alberta Health has been in regular contact with the Alberta Pharmacists' Association (RxA) regarding the changes announced for the fee adjustment for the Assessment for Administration of COVID-19 vaccine that came into effect on October 1, 2023. Based upon feedback from RxA and other pharmacy partners, the dates for the fee adjustment are being moved forward.

- Effective October 1, 2023, the fee will be re-instated to \$25 per dose administered and \$35 on weekends and statutory holidays; and
- Effective January 1, 2024, the fee will be initially reduced to \$17; and
- Effective April 1, 2024, the fee will be reduced to \$13 in alignment with other publicly funded vaccines.

These changes have already been implemented. Pharmacies are now able to resubmit claims for the updated amount.

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