

Alberta Outreach Immunization Program updates

Upon receiving vaccine supply, pharmacists can begin the on-site immunization of congregate care facilities' residents and staff for influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. Pharmacies participating in the Alberta Outreach Immunization program must follow the responsibilities and requirements as indicated in the [AIP - Alberta Outreach Immunization Program](#).

Updates to Alberta Outreach Immunization Program billing and documentation

Outreach program billing needs to be properly submitted to Alberta Blue Cross. All claims must be submitted using the appropriate product identification numbers (PINs). Documentation is required to confirm vaccinations were performed in the outreach setting. Documentation must include name and address of the facility along with a list of members who received vaccination at that facility, which vaccinations they received and the date they were received (product name and PIN). This is in addition to the standard immunization documentation.

The 2024-2025 outreach reference guide for administering and claiming outreach vaccines is available at <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/Outreach-Vaccines-RefGuide-2024.pdf>.

Updates to Alberta Outreach Immunization Program retroactive payment

As communicated in [Benefact 1198](#), pharmacies that participated in the spring Outreach Program received retroactive payments for claims that were administered to residents during the period of April 15 to June 30, 2024. Outreach Program injections provided after June 30 and before the fall commencing date will be captured in the next retroactive reconciliation to ensure proper compensation for all Outreach services.

Please check your records to ensure vaccines administered to residents in senior congregate care settings were claimed using the correct PINs. If the claim was submitted with an incorrect PIN, pharmacies have until **October 31, 2024** to reverse and resubmit the claims under the correct LTC/DSL PIN. The PINs for the COVID-19 XBB.1.5 vaccines are listed on the table.

Reason code	Descriptor	PIN (pharmacy use)
50	Routine recommended immunization	08060050 (Moderna SpikeVax XBB.1.5)
22	Long term care/designated supportive living resident	08060022 (Moderna SpikeVax XBB.1.5)
66	Other risk	08060066 (Moderna SpikeVax XBB.1.5)
50	Routine recommended immunization	09090050 (Pfizer/BioNTech Comirnaty® XBB.1.5)
22	Long term care/designated supportive living resident	09090022 (Pfizer/BioNTech Comirnaty® XBB.1.5)
66	Other risk	09090066 (Pfizer/BioNTech Comirnaty® XBB.1.5)

All claims must be submitted **by October 31, 2024**. No exception will be made after the deadline. Pharmacies should anticipate retroactive payment to appear late November or early December.

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)

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