

Verify you are using a valid Alberta prescriber identification number and reference code at time of claim.

Alberta Pharmacy providers are reminded that all direct bill pharmacy claims must be submitted with the valid Alberta prescriber identification number and applicable reference code of the prescriber who authorized the prescription.

The integrity of data submitted by pharmacies affects not only the adjudication of claims, but also reporting networks such as Pharmaceutical Information Network and Alberta Netcare. In addition, it assists in determining benefit status where restricted benefits are limited by designated prescribers.

Valid prescriber identification numbers

Effective December 1, 2021, the inclusion of alpha characters in prescriber identification numbers will result in a claim reject code of **D3 – Prescriber is not authorized** unless the alpha character is part of the college assigned prescriber identification numbers. Valid prescriber identification numbers can be referenced on the Alberta College of Pharmacy (ACP) website at <https://abpharmacy.ca> and are to be used at the time of direct bill claim submission. This information was previously communicated in Pharmacy Benefacts 930 and 947.

The following prescriber IDs will no longer be considered valid for direct bill claiming purposes:

- Nurse Practitioners with a suffix of “EP”
- Optometrists with a suffix of “T”

At time of claim, the appropriate “**Prescriber Reference Code**” and “**Prescriber ID**,” as noted in the tables below, must be used.

Prescriber type	Reference description	Reference code	Prescriber ID
Dieticians	College of Dieticians of Alberta	83	Actual ID
Midwives	College of Midwives of Alberta	88	Actual ID
Optometrists	Alberta College of Optometrists	87	Actual ID
Pharmacists	Alberta College of Pharmacists	86	Actual ID
Physicians	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta	81	Actual ID
Nurse Practitioners or Registered Nurses	College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta	82	Actual ID
Podiatrists	College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta	89	Actual ID

For the Alberta prescribers listed below, the following “Pseudo IDs” must be used.

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The “Pseudo ID” must include the alpha characters as listed below.

Prescriber type	Reference description	Reference code	Prescriber ID
Dentists	Alberta Dental Association & College	85	88111DT
Dental Hygienists	College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta	84	88112DH

For out-of-province prescribers, the appropriate prescriber reference code should be used along with the actual prescriber identification numbers.

Only in circumstances where the prescriber identification number is unknown may the following “Pseudo IDs” be used in conjunction with the appropriate prescriber reference code.

The “Pseudo ID” must include the alpha characters as listed below.

Prescriber type	Reference description	Reference code	Prescriber ID
Dieticians	College of Dieticians of Alberta	83	77111DI
Midwives	College of Midwives of Alberta	88	55111MW
Physicians	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta	81	99111PH
Nurse Practitioners or Registered Nurses	College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta	82	66111RN
Optometrists	Alberta College of Optometrists	87	44111OP
Podiatrists	College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta	89	33111PD

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.

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