



Pharmacy update

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Dispensing Fee Updates Under Alberta's New Multi-Year Pharmacy Funding Framework

Under the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Pharmacists' Association (RxA) new multi-year Pharmacy Funding Framework, which aims to provide long-term stability for pharmacists and pharmacies, while ensuring sustainability of publicly funded pharmacy services, there will be an increase to the dispensing fee and a higher dispensing fee for longer days' supply effective October 1, 2026.

In alignment with this change, effective October 1, 2026, GreenShield will be updating our allowed dispensing fee in Alberta based on days' supply as follows:

Days' Supply	Allowed Dispensing Fee
<84	\$12.35
≥ 84 days	\$13.50

Alberta's Bill 11 (Health Statutes Amendment Act) Changes

Effective October 1, 2026, under the changes outlined in the Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (Bill 11, or the Act), Alberta's Coverage for Seniors and Non-Group Coverage programs will operate as payer of last resort. If a member has access to private coverage for the same drug or supplemental service, the private plan will need to be billed first. The public plan then pays only for any remaining eligible amount, provided the member qualifies under the public plan's rules.

What does this mean for GreenShield plan members?

To support compliance with the changes required by the Act and to ensure limited disruption of therapy to plan members, the GreenShield adjudication system will be updated to allow for continuation of coverage for identified members (members claiming a drug requiring GreenShield prior authorization within the past six months), meaning pharmacies will be able to submit claims to GreenShield as first payor without the need for prior authorization, effective October 1, 2026*.

*Plan may be subject to additional plan design provisions.

REMINDER: Direct Billing Available for Eligible Ostomy Supplies

As a reminder, pharmacies may submit eligible claims through their regular pharmacy claims system, in one of the following ways:

- Where provincial adjudication guidelines and assigned provincial PINs are available, pharmacies should use the provincial PIN.
- If no provincial PIN available, refer to the [Frequently Used PINs for Billing Purposes](#) resource posted on [providerConnect™](#).