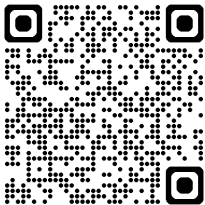


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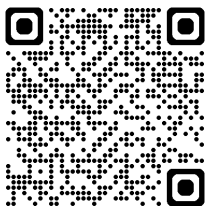
What You Need to Know

Starting October 1, 2026, changes are being made to government-funded pharmacy services and programs. Here's what Albertans need to know.

Payor of Last Resort – Insurance Coverage Changes (Bill 11)

What does it mean?	Any impact on me?	Want more info?
Your pharmacy will need to bill your private or other insurance before submitting to Alberta government-sponsored coverage. After your other insurance pays, government-sponsored coverage will cover the remaining eligible cost.	Most Albertans should see little to no change in their medication costs. Bring all of your benefit cards and any special authorization information to the pharmacy. Albertans with only government-sponsored coverage will not see a change.	

New Pharmacy Funding Framework

What does it mean?	Any impact on me?	Want more info?
Many of your long-term medications can be provided in larger supplies.	Fewer trips to the pharmacy for refills. Ask for a 3-month supply on your next fill. Some exceptions apply.	
Fewer medications will qualify for dispensing fees dispensed on a daily basis.	Your access to eligible medications and pharmacy services will continue. Some exceptions apply.	
New limits will apply to government reimbursement for some compounded topical medications.	There is no change to which eligible compounded medications or the amount of compounded medication you can receive.	
The first increase to pharmacy dispensing fees in over a decade.	Some Albertans may notice very small increases on the portion they pay.	
Overall: Most Albertans should not see additional costs as a result of these changes.		

Provincial Naloxone Program Policy Updates

What does it mean?	Any impact on me?	Want more info?
If you need a Naloxone kit to take home from a pharmacy, you will need to provide your personal health care number. Kits are available at more than 2,000 pharmacies and community-based organizations. You do not need to provide health care number when accessing kits through a community-based organization.	No financial impact. Pharmacies will still provide Naloxone kits at no cost for personal use. You will get one kit at a time from your pharmacy. If you need a kit immediately and cannot provide your personal health number, or if you need more than one kit, speak with your pharmacist.	