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SUBJECT/TITLE FPP-09 Biologics and Biosimilar	ORIGINAL DATE: REVISION DATES:	12-02-2021 28-02-2025 16-06-2026

PURPOSE

To outline the process for coverage of biologic medications under the Alberta Government Biosimilar Initiative for residents in Calgary Type A Continuing Care Homes (CCHs), and to provide guidance for submitting non-formulary drug use requests when coverage is unavailable or applicable through the program.

PROCESS

For residents residing in Calgary Type A CCHs who are prescribed and taking a biologic medication that falls under the Alberta Government Biosimilar Initiative but not listed on the Calgary Zone Type A Formulary, coverage can be obtained through their Alberta government-sponsored drug plan and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Biosimilar Initiative. In situations when coverage is not available or applicable, a non-formulary drug use request may be submitted for coverage consideration on a case-by-case basis.

RESOURCES

Alberta Government

- [Coverage and Benefits – Biosimilar drugs](#)

Alberta Blue Cross Links

- [Biosimilar Initiative](#)
- [Summary table of drugs in Biosimilar initiative](#)
- [Guide for health professionals](#)