



EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS POLICY 49.07 CLINICAL EXPERTISE

Clinical expertise is required to review complex Prior Approvals for some Benefits under the *Extended Health Benefits Policy 49.07* (Policy). Pursuant to section 5(2)(b)(ii) of the Policy, following clinical expertise is established by the Deputy Minister.

1. For Prior Approvals requiring clinical expertise under Schedule 1: Drug Benefits, Schedule 2: Medical Supplies and Equipment Benefits, Schedule 3: Vision Benefits, and Schedule 4: Dental Benefits, the Department of Health and Social Services has a contract with Alberta Blue Cross for the administration of these Extended Health Benefits on its behalf. The terms of this contract include the provision of clinical expertise (physicians, dentists, and pharmacists) to review complex Prior Approvals requests and/or claims for benefits.

(1) The term of the contract with Alberta Blue Cross ends March 31, 2026.

2. For Prior Approvals requiring clinical expertise under 2(1)(b) of the Nearest Centre Process established under 5(2)(b)(iii) of the Policy, the Department of Health and Social Services has a contract with Hagen & Hagen Professional Corporation for medical advisory services. The terms of this contract include the provision of the clinical expertise to review Prior Approval requests.

(1) The term of the contract with Dr. Neil Hagen ends March 31, 2028.

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Date