



VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA (VAC) IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LICENSED PRODUCERS OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

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Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) would like to provide clarification regarding the elements that must be included in the proof of payment documentation (invoice/receipt) in order to avoid delays in claim processing.

1. 30-day start date (first sell date)

As previously communicated, claims must have the initial sell date included on the invoice. The initial sell date is the first date dispensed according to Health Canada's Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR), which came into force on August 24, 2016.

If the quantity submitted in a 30-day period is more than what VAC has pre-approved for reimbursement, the claim will be cut back to the maximum quantity approved. VAC will only pay up to the quantity that has been pre-approved and up to a maximum of \$8.50 per gram of dried marijuana or its equivalent in fresh marijuana or cannabis oil.

Note: The number of grams per day approved for reimbursement by VAC may differ from what the health care professional has authorized.

2. Date of Service

Each invoice must include the shipping date, which will be used as the claim date of service.

3. Equivalency of fresh/oil to dried

Each invoice must also include the equivalency of fresh/oil to dried product. Here are some examples of how this can be clearly displayed:

- 1g dried marijuana = 10ml cannabis oil
- 1:10 dried marijuana (grams) to oil (ml) equivalency factor
- Or add a column on the invoice next to the oil volume to indicate the dried weight equivalent. For example:

Volume	Dried Weight Equivalent
100ml	10g

4. Claim submission

The preferred method of claim submission is by mail.

5. Claim resubmission

If a previously processed claim is resubmitted, please indicate on the invoice that it is a resubmission.

Should you have any questions, please contact Medavie Blue Cross Provider Inquiry line at 1-888-261-4033.

Thank you for the ongoing care and service you provide to our Veterans.