PHARMACY BENEFACT

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS®

Temporary benefits added to the Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)

Due to the unavailability of Maxidex 0.1% Ophthalmic Suspension (DIN 00042560) manufactured by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc., Dexamethasone 0.1% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02023865) manufactured by Pharma Stulln Inc. will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List on **November 1, 2022**.

As of **November 1, 2022**, and until further notice, all claims for Dexamethasone 0.1% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02023865) will be adjudicated to the price published in the most recent *Alberta Blue Cross Drug Price List (ABCDPL)*. The *ABCDPL* is available online at <u>ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php</u>.

Due to the unavailability of Isopto Atropine 1% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 00035017) manufactured by Alcon Canada Inc., Atropine Sulfate 1% Ophthalmic Solution (Minims) (DIN 02148358) manufactured by Bausch and Lomb Canada Inc., will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was previously added to the Critical Supply Product List on **November 1, 2022**.

As of **November 1, 2022**, and until further notice, all claims for Atropine Sulfate 1% Ophthalmic Solution (Minims) (DIN 02148358) will be adjudicated to the price published in the most recent *Alberta Blue Cross Drug Price List (ABCDPL)*. The *ABCDPL* is available online at <u>ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php</u>.

Due to the unavailability of Sandoz Fluorometholone 0.1% Ophthalmic Suspension (DIN 00432814) manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc., FML Liquifilm 0.1% Ophthalmic Suspension (DIN 00247855) manufactured by Allergan Inc. will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was previously added to the Critical Supply Product List on **November 8, 2022**.

As of **November 8, 2022**, and until further notice, all claims for FML Liquifilm 0.1% Ophthalmic Suspension (DIN 00247855) will be adjudicated to the price published in the most recent *Alberta Blue Cross Drug Price List (ABCDPL)*. The *ABCDPL* is available online at <u>ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php</u>.

Due to the unavailability of Teva-Codeine 15 mg Tablet (DIN 00593435) and Teva-Codeine 30 mg Tablet (DIN 00593451) manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, Codeine Phosphate 5 mg/ml Oral Syrup (DIN 00050024) manufactured by Atlas Laboratories Inc. will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List on **November 8, 2022**.

As of **November 8, 2022**, and until further notice, all claims for Codeine Phosphate 5 mg/ml Oral Syrup (DIN 00050024) will be adjudicated to the price published in the most recent *Alberta Blue Cross Drug Price List (ABCDPL)*. The *ABCDPL* is available online at <u>ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php</u>.

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Product supply shortages addressed for Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Teva Canada Limited that the shortage for Teva-Morphine SR 200 mg Sustained-Release Tablet (DIN 02302802) has been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of this shortage, a transition period will be applied and, as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping effective **December 5, 2022**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List on **November 4, 2022**.

MORPHINE SULFATE

200 MG ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET

00002478897	SANDOZ MORPHINE SR	SDZ	\$ 2.7718
00002302802	TEVA-MORPHINE SR	TEV	\$ 2.7718
00002014327	MS CONTIN	PUR	\$ 5.8845

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Auro Pharma, Jamp Pharma Corporation and Pharmascience Inc. that the shortage for Auro-Losartan 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02403331), Jamp-Losartan 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02398842) and pms-Losartan 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02309769) respectively, have been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of this shortage, a transition period will be applied and, as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping effective **December 15, 2022**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List on **November 15, 2022**.

LOSARTAN POTASSIUM

50 MG TABLET

00002353504	APO-LOSARTAN	APX	\$ 0.1616
00002403331	AURO-LOSARTAN	AUR	\$ 0.1616
00002398842	JAMP-LOSARTAN	JPC	\$ 0.1616
00002388804	LOSARTAN	SIV	\$ 0.1616
00002388871	LOSARTAN	SNS	\$ 0.1616
00002405741	MINT-LOSARTAN	MPI	\$ 0.1616
00002309769	PMS-LOSARTAN	PMS	\$ 0.1616
00002313340	SANDOZ LOSARTAN	SDZ	\$ 0.1616
00002424975	SEPTA-LOSARTAN	SEP	\$ 0.1616
00002357968	TEVA-LOSARTAN	TEV	\$ 0.1616
00002182874	COZAAR	ORC	\$ 1.4504

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