

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

Alberta Blue Cross® has confirmed that the shortages for Apo-Alendronate/Vitamin D3 70 mg/5,600 Unit Tablet (DIN 02454475) and Jamp Alendronate/Vitamin D3 70 mg/5,600 Unit Tablet (DIN 02519836) 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 **July 26, 2023**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **June 26, 2023**.

ALENDRONATE SODIUM / VITAMIN D3

70 MG / 5,600 UNIT TABLET

00002454475	APO-ALENDRONATE / VITAMIN D3	APX	\$ 2.4348
00002519836	JAMP ALENDRONATE / VITAMIN D3	JPC	\$ 2.4348
00002314940	FOSAVANCE	ORC	\$ 5.0920

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Apo-Dabigatran 150 mg Capsule (DIN 02468913) 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 **August 4, 2023**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **July 7, 2023**.

DABIGATRAN ETEXILATE

150 MG CAPSULE

00002468913	APO-DABIGATRAN	APX	\$ 1.2540
00002358808	PRADAXA	BOE	\$ 1.7309

Temporary benefit added to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Due to the unavailability of Folic Acid 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00426849) manufactured by AA Pharma Inc., Jamp-Folic 5 mg Tablet (DIN 02366061) manufactured by Jamp Pharma Corporation, Sandoz Folic Acid 5 mg Tablet (DIN 02285673) manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc. and current temporary benefit Jamp-Folic Acid 1 mg Tablet (NPN 80053274) manufactured by Jamp Pharma Corporation, Folic Acid 1 mg Tablet (DIN 00318973) manufactured by Jamieson Laboratories Ltd. will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List **June 20, 2023**.

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As of **June 20, 2023**, all claims for **Folic Acid 1 mg Tablet (DIN 00318973)** will be adjudicated to the price published in the most recent *Alberta Blue Cross Drug Price List (ABCDPL)* until further notice. The ABCDPL is available online at ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php.

Removal of temporary benefits from the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)*

Due to the shortage of **Pediatric 80 mg/mL Oral Drops (DIN 02027801)** manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, **Infants' Tylenol 80 mg/mL Oral Drops (DIN 02389908)** manufactured by McNeil Consumer Healthcare was added as a temporary benefit for the *HSDBS*.

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage of **Pediatric 80 mg/mL Oral Drops (DIN 02027801)** has been resolved.

As a result, **Infants' Tylenol 80 mg/mL Oral Drops (DIN 02389908)** will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *HSDBS* **after August 10, 2023**. The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **July 10, 2023**.

Due to the shortage of **Pediatric 32 mg/mL Oral Solution (DIN 02027798)** manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, **Children's Tylenol Grape 32 mg/mL Oral Suspension (DIN 02046040)** manufactured by McNeil Consumer Healthcare was added as a temporary benefit for the *HSDBS*.

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage of **Pediatric 32 mg/mL Oral Solution (DIN 02027798)** has been resolved.

As a result, **Children's Tylenol Grape 32 mg/mL Oral Suspension (DIN 02046040)** will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *HSDBS* **after August 10, 2023**. The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **July 10, 2023**.

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