

## Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL) Interim Update now available online

Please be advised that the **August 1, 2023**, updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* has been posted online at [ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php](https://ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php).

Please refer to the **August 1, 2023**, updates for complete listings of products available by special authorization, added products, least cost alternative price changes, products with a price change and discontinued listings.

Please note that the online *interactive Drug Benefit List (iDBL)* at [ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl\\_main1.php](https://ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl_main1.php) is a near real-time application, and as such, contains the most up-to-date information.

## Temporary benefits added to the ADBL

Due to the unavailability of Vyvanse 20 mg Capsule (DIN 02347156) manufactured by Takeda Canada Inc., Vyvanse 10 mg Capsule (DIN 02439603) manufactured by Takeda Canada Inc. will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List **July 10, 2023**.

As of **July 10, 2023**, all claims for **Vyvanse 10 mg Capsule (DIN 02439603)** 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](https://ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php).

Due to the unavailability of Janumet XR 50 mg/1000 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02416794) manufactured by Merck Canada Inc., **Apo-Sitagliptin Malate/Metformin XR 50/1000 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02506289)** manufactured by Apotex Inc. will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List **July 20, 2023**.

As of **July 20, 2023**, all claims for Apo-Sitagliptin Malate/Metformin XR 50/1000 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02506289) 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](https://ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php).

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## Removal of temporary benefit from the ADBL

Due to the discontinuation of Propyl-Thyracil 50 mg Tablet (DIN 00010200) manufactured by Paladin Labs Inc., PTU 50 mg Tablet (Australia) (Temporary PIN 09858122) manufactured by Phebra Canada Inc. was added as an imported temporary benefit for the Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL).

Alberta Blue Cross® has confirmed that Halycil 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02521059) and Propylthiouracil 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02523019) are now available.

As a result, **PTU 50 mg Tablet (Temporary PIN 09858122)** will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for ADBL after **August 21, 2023**. The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **July 20, 2023**.

## Product supply shortage addressed for ADBL

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sandoz Canada Inc. and Teva Canada Limited that the shortages for Sandoz Prednisolone Acetate 1% Ophthalmic Suspension (DIN 01916203) and Teva-Prednisolone 1% Ophthalmic Suspension (DIN 00700401) 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 **August 21, 2023**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **July 21, 2023**.

### PREDNISOLONE ACETATE

#### 1% OPHTHALMIC SUSPENSION

<b>00001916203</b>	<b>SANDOZ PREDNISOLONE</b>	<b>SDZ</b>	<b>\$ 1.9400</b>
<b>00000700401</b>	<b>TEVA-PREDNISOLONE</b>	<b>TEV</b>	<b>\$ 1.9400</b>
00000301175	PRED FORTE	ABV	\$ 5.2880

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FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

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