

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

Due to the unavailability of Auro-Galantamine 8 mg Extended-Release Capsule (DIN 02425157), Sanis Galantamine ER 8 mg Extended-Release Capsule (DIN 02443015) and Mylan-Galantamine ER 8 mg Extended-Release Capsule (DIN 02339439), Pat-Galantamine ER 8 mg Extended-Release Capsule (DIN 02316943) manufactured by Patriot, a division of Janssen Inc., will be considered a temporary benefit for the ADBL. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List **July 24, 2023**.

As of **July 24, 2023**, all claims for **Pat-Galantamine ER 8 mg Extended-Release Capsule (DIN 02316943)** 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](http://ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php).

## Product supply shortages addressed for ADBL

Alberta Blue Cross® has confirmed that the shortage for Ketorolac 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02245821) 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 28, 2023**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **July 26, 2023**.

### KETOROLAC THOMETHAMINE

#### 0.5% OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION

00002245821	KETOROLAC	AAP	\$ 2.8997
00001968300	ACULAR	ABV	\$ 3.6490

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Teva-Budesonide 0.125 mg/mL Inhalation Suspension (DIN 02465949) 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 **September 1, 2023**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **August 2, 2023**.

### BUDESONIDE

#### 0.125 MG / ML INHALATION SUSPENSION

00002494264	TARO-BUDESONIDE	TAR	\$ 0.1143
00002465949	TEVA-BUDESONIDE	TEV	\$ 0.1143
00002229099	PULMICORT NEBUAMP	AZC	\$ 0.2493

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## Product supply shortage addressed for *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)*

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Odan Laboratories Ltd. that the shortage for Ferodan 75 mg/mL Infant Drops (NPN 02237385) 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 **September 7, 2023**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **August 8, 2023**.

### FERROUS SULFATE

#### 75 MG / ML ORAL DROPS

00002237385	FERODAN INFANT	ODN	\$ 0.1432
00000762954	FER-IN-SOL	MJO	\$ 0.2558

## Removal of Temporary Benefit from the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)*

Due to the shortage of Salinex 0.9% Nasal Solution (NPN 80024901) manufactured by Exzell Pharma, Salinex 9 mg/mL Nasal Spray (NPN 80024381) manufactured by Exzell Pharma was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (HSDBS)*.

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that Salinex 0.9% Nasal Solution (NPN 80024901) is now available.

As a result, **Salinex 9 mg/mL Nasal Spray (NPN 80024381)** will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for *ADBL* after **September 8, 2023**. The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **August 8, 2023**.

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