

Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL) interim update now available online

Please be advised that the **February 1, 2024** updates to the *ADBL* has been posted online at ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php.

Please refer to the **February 1, 2024** updates for complete listings of products available by special authorization, step therapy/special authorization, restricted benefits, added products, least cost alternative price changes, new established interchangeable groupings, 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 is a near real-time application, and as such, contains the most up-to-date information.

Removal of temporary benefits from the ADBL

Due to the shortage of Apo-Prednisone 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00312770), **Teva-Prednisone 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00021695)** was added as a temporary benefit for the *ADBL*.

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Apo-Prednisone 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00312770) has been resolved.

Teva-Prednisone 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00021695) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* after **February 17, 2024**.

Due to the shortages of Apo-Medroxy 2.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02244726), Teva-Medroxyprogesterone 2.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02221284), Apo-Medroxy 5 mg Tablet (DIN 02244727) and Teva-Medroxyprogesterone 5 mg Tablet (DIN 02221292), **Provera 2.5 mg Tablet (DIN 00708917)** and **Provera 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00030937)** were added as temporary benefits for the *ADBL*.

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortages for Apo-Medroxy 2.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02244726), and Apo-Medroxy 5 mg Tablet (DIN 02244727) have been resolved.

Provera 2.5 mg Tablet (DIN 00708917) and **Provera 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00030937)** will no longer be considered temporary benefits for the *ADBL* after **February 23, 2024**.

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Product supply shortages addressed for **ADBL**

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Sandoz Carbamazepine CR 400 mg Sustained-Release Tablet (DIN 02261847) 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 **February 21, 2024**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **January 22, 2024**:

CARBAMAZEPINE

400 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET

00002261847	SANDOZ CARBAMAZEPINE CR	SDZ	\$ 0.7689
00000755583	TEGRETOL CR	NOV	\$ 0.9034

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Caspofungin 50 mg Injection (DIN 02460947) manufactured by Juno Pharmaceuticals Corp. 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 **February 22, 2024**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **January 23, 2024**:

CASPOFUNGIN

50 MG / VIAL INJECTION

00002460947	CASPOFUNGIN	JUN	\$ 188.7000
00002244265	CANCIDAS	MFC	\$ 222.0000

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Taro-Phenytoin 25 mg/ml Oral Suspension (DIN 02250896) 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 **February 23, 2024**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **January 24, 2024**:

PHENYTOIN

25 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION

00002250896	TARO-PHENYTOIN	TAR	\$ 0.0480
00000023450	DILANTIN-125	BGP	\$ 0.0620

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