

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

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Rho-Nitro Pumpspray 0.4 mg/dose Sublingual Spray (DIN 02238998) 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 **June 10, 2024**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **May 9, 2024**.

### NITROGLYCERIN

#### 0.4 MG / DOSE SUBLINGUAL METERED DOSE SPRAY

00002238998	RHO-NITRO PUMPSPRAY	SDZ	\$ 0.0421
00002231441	NITROLINGUAL PUMPSPRAY	SAV	\$ 0.0800

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Sandoz Sitagliptin-Metformin 50 mg/850 mg Tablet (DIN 02503964) 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 **June 17, 2024**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **May 17, 2024**.

### SITAGLIPTIN/ METFORMIN HCL

#### 50 MG / 850 MG TABLET

00002503964	SANDOZ SITAGLIPTIN-METFORMIN	SDZ	\$ 0.8893
00002333864	JANUMET	MFC	\$ 1.7465

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Deferoxamine Mesylate 500 mg/vial Injection (DIN 02241600) manufactured by Pfizer Canada ULC 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 **June 26, 2024**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **May 27, 2024**.

### DEFEROXAMINE MESYLATE

#### 500 MG / VIAL INJECTION

00002241600	DEFEROXAMINE MESYLATE	PFI	\$ 15.1690
00001981242	DESFERAL	NOV	\$ 16.8420

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

Due to the shortage of extensively hydrolyzed infant formulas and specialized infant formulas in Canada, **United States-labelled Nutramigen A+ Concentrate Infant Formula (PIN 00999300)** manufactured by Mead Johnson Nutrition (Canada) Co., **United States-labelled Similac Alimentum Infant Formula (PIN 00999299)** manufactured by Abbott Nutrition and **United States-labelled Gerber Good Start Extensive HA Infant Formula Powder (PIN 00999296)** manufactured by Nestle Canada Inc. was added as temporary benefits for the *Alberta HSDBS*.

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortages for Nutramigen A+ With LGG Oral Powder (PIN 00999817), Nutramigen A+ Hypoallergenic Infant Formula Powder (PIN 00999520), and Enfamil Enfacare A+ Infant Formula Powder (PIN 00999564) manufactured by Mead Johnson Nutrition (Canada) Co. Alimentum (PIN 00999449), and Similac Neosure (PIN 00999465) manufactured by Abbott Nutrition have been resolved.

**United States-labelled Nutramigen A+ Concentrate Infant Formula (PIN 00999300), United States-labelled Similac Alimentum Infant Formula (PIN 00999299) and United States-labelled Gerber Good Start Extensive HA Infant Formula Powder (PIN 00999296)** will no longer be considered temporary benefits for the *Alberta HSDBS* after **June 10, 2024**.

### Temporary benefit added to the *Alberta HSDBS*

Due to the unavailability of Nestle Materna Tablet (NPN 80082297), **Centrum Prenatal Tablet (NPN 80045822)** manufactured by Pfizer Consumer Healthcare will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta HSDBS*. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List **January 30, 2024**.

As of **May 11, 2024**, all claims for **Centrum Prenatal Tablet (NPN 80045822)** 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/provider/type/pharmacy/home.php](https://ab.bluecross.ca/provider/type/pharmacy/home.php).

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area)

403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)

1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)

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

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