

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. that the shortage for Apo-Lithium Carbonate 150 mg Capsule (DIN 02242837) 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 **April 23, 2018**.

### LITHIUM CARBONATE

#### 150 MG CAPSULE

00002242837	APO-LITHIUM CARBONATE	APX	\$ 0.0667
00002216132	PMS-LITHIUM CARBONATE	PMS	\$ 0.0667
00000461733	CARBOLITH	VCL	\$ 0.1240

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Teva Canada Limited that the shortage for Teva-Tryptophan 500 mg Tablet (DIN 02240333) 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 **April 23, 2018**.

### L-TRYPTOPHAN

#### 500 MG TABLET

00002248538	APO-TRYPTOPHAN	APX	\$ 0.3563
00002240333	TEVA-TRYPTOPHAN	TEV	\$ 0.3563
00002029456	TRYPTAN	VCL	\$ 0.7755

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Pharmascience Inc. that the shortage for pms-Buprenorphine/Naloxone 8 mg/2 mg Sublingual Tablet (DIN 02453916) 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 **April 23, 2018**.

### BUPRENORPHINE HCL / NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE DIHYDRATE

#### 8 MG / 2 MG SUBLINGUAL TABLET

00002453916	ACT BUPRENORPHINE NALOXONE	APH	\$ 1.1825
00002408104	MYLAN-BUPRENORPHINE NALOXONE	MYP	\$ 1.1825
00002424878	PMS-BUPRENORPHINE/NALOXONE	PMS	\$ 1.1825
00002295709	SUBOXONE	IUK	\$ 4.7300

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Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. that the shortage for Apo-Fluvoxamine 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02231329) 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 **April 25, 2018**.

#### FLUVOXAMINE MALEATE

##### 50 MG TABLET

00002255529	ACT FLUVOXAMINE	APH	\$ 0.2105
00002231329	APO-FLUVOXAMINE	APX	\$ 0.2105
00001919342	LUVOX	BGP	\$ 0.9403

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. that the shortage for Apo-Fluvoxamine 100 mg Tablet (DIN 02231330) 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 **April 25, 2018**.

#### FLUVOXAMINE MALEATE

##### 100 MG TABLET

00002255537	ACT FLUVOXAMINE	APH	\$ 0.3783
00002231330	APO-FLUVOXAMINE	APX	\$ 0.3783
00001919369	LUVOX	BGP	\$ 1.6910

## Removal of temporary benefit from the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Due to the shortage of Aldara 5% Topical Cream (DIN 02239505) manufactured by Valeant Canada LP and Apo-Imiquimod 5% Topical Cream (DIN 02407825) manufactured by Apotex Inc., Zyclara 3.75% Topical Cream (DIN 02340445) manufactured by Valeant Canada LP was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Valeant Canada LP has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Aldara 5% Topical Cream (DIN 02239505) has been resolved.

As a result, Zyclara 3.75% Topical Cream (DIN 02340445) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* **after April 25, 2018**.

#### When you have questions:

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)

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