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

Due to the unavailability of Novo-Norfloxacin 400 mg Tablet (DIN 02237682) manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, Norflox 400 mg Tablet (DIN 02229524) manufactured by AA Pharma Inc., will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of **May 2, 2018**, all claims for Norflox 400 mg Tablet (DIN 02229524) 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 **www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.html**.

If this situation continues to be a long-term matter then this product is subject to the usual review process by the Expert Committee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics, and must be approved by the Minister of Health for addition to the *ADBL* in order to remain as a benefit.

Due to the unavailability of the products below, Apo-Mometasone 50 mcg/Dose Aqueous Nasal Spray (DIN 02403587) manufactured by Apotex Inc. and Sandoz Mometasone 50 mcg/Dose Aqueous Nasal Spray (DIN 02449811) manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc., will be considered as temporary benefits for the *ADBL*.

| DIN      | Product description                                | Manufacturer              |
|----------|--|---------------------------|
| 02238796 | Apo-Beclomethasone 50 mcg/Dose Nasal Spray         | Apotex Inc                |
| 02239288 | Apo-Flunisolide 25 mcg/Dose Nasal Spray            | Apotex Inc                |
| 02172712 | Mylan-Beclo AQ. 50 mcg/Dose Meter Dose Nasal Spray | Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC |
| 02230648 | Mylan-Budesonide AQ 100 mcg/Dose Nasal Spray       | Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC |
| 02035324 | Rhinocort 100 mcg Turbuhaler                       | Astrazeneca Canada Inc    |

As of **April 10, 2018**, all claims for Apo-Mometasone 50 mcg/Dose Aqueous Nasal Spray (DIN 02403587) and Sandoz Mometasone 50 mcg/Dose Aqueous Nasal Spray (DIN 02449811) will be adjudicated to the price published in the most recent *ABCDPL* until further notice. The *ABCDPL* is available online at **www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.html**.

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Pharmascience Inc. and Sterimax Inc. that the shortages pms-Tetrabenazine 25 mg Tablet (DIN 02402424) and Tetrabenazine 25 mg Tablet (DIN 02410338), respectively have been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of these shortages, a transition period will be applied, and as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping effective **June 4, 2018**.

## **TETRABENAZINE**

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| 00002407590 | APO-TETRABENAZINE | APX | \$ 3.3746 |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|-----------|
| 00002402424 | PMS-TETRABENAZINE | PMS | \$ 3.3746 |
| 00002410338 | TETRABENAZINE     | STM | \$ 3.3746 |
| 00002199270 | NITOMAN           | VCL | \$ 7.2138 |

## 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:

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