

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC that the shortage of Mylan-Bupropion XL 300 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02382083) 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 May 9, 2015**.

BUPROPION HCL

300 MG ORAL EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET

00002382083
00002275104

MYLAN-BUPROPION XL
WELLBUTRIN XL

MYP \$ 0.7963
VCL \$ 1.1454

Temporary benefit added to *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Due to the unavailability of Zanaflex 4 mg Tablet (DIN 02239170), manufactured by Paladin Labs Inc., Apo-Tizanidine 4 mg Tablet (DIN 02259893), manufactured by Apotex Inc., will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of April 2, 2015, all claims for Apo-Tizanidine 4 mg Tablet (DIN 02259893) 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 <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.html>.

If this situation continues to be a long-term matter, this product will be 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.

When you have questions:

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