A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS®

# Temporary Benefit added to the Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)

Due to the unavailability of Nestle Materna Tablet (NPN 80082297), **Prenatal 100% Complete Multivitamin Tablet** (NPN 80075639) manufactured by Jamieson Laboratories Ltd. will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)*. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List **November 27, 2024**.

As of **November 27, 2024**, all claims for **Prenatal 100% Complete Multivitamin Tablet (NPN 80075639)** 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 <u>ab.bluecross.ca/provider/type/pharmacy/home.php</u>.

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

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Vistitan 0.03% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02429063) manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc. 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 **January 16, 2025**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **December 17, 2024**.

### BIMATOPROST

OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION				
00002429063	VISTITAN 0.03%	SDZ	\$ 9.1936	
00002324997	LUMIGAN RC 0.01%	ABV	\$ 11.8871	

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Teva-Diltiazem XC 240 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02429330) 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 **January 20, 2025**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **December 19, 2024**.

### **DILTIAZEM HCL**

240 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET					
00002429330	<b>TEVA-DILTIAZEM XC</b>	TEV	\$ 1.2212		
00002256754	TIAZAC XC	VCL	\$ 1.7167		

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Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Teva-Diltiazem XC 360 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02429357) 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 **January 20, 2025**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **December 19, 2024**.

#### **DILTIAZEM HCL**

360 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET				
00002429357	TEVA-DILTIAZEM XC	TEV	\$ 1.2211	
00002256770	TIAZAC XC	VCL	\$ 1.7140	

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for pms-Tetrabenazine 25 mg Tablet (DIN 02402424) 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 **January 20, 2025**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **December 19, 2024**.

#### TETRABENAZINE

25 MG TABLET			
00002407590	APO-TETRABENAZINE	ΑΡΧ	\$ 3.3746
00002402424	PMS-TETRABENAZINE	PMS	\$ 3.3746
00002199270	NITOMAN	VCL	\$ 8.1816

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