PHARMACY **BENEFACT**

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A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS®

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

Due to the unavailability of pms-Ipratropium 0.03% Nasal Spray (DIN 02239627), **Ipravent 0.06% Nasal Spray (DIN 02246084)**, manufactured by AA Pharma Inc., was added as a temporary benefit to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for pms-Ipratropium 0.03% Nasal Spray (DIN 02239627) has been resolved.

Due to the short-term nature of this shortage, **Ipravent 0.06% Nasal Spray (DIN 02246084)** will no longer be considered a temporary benefit in the *ADBL* **after January 16, 2025**. The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List on **January 16, 2025**.

Product supply shortages addressed for ADBL

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Auro-Rufinamide 400 mg Tablet (DIN 02545993), 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 **February 12, 2025**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List on **January 13, 2025**.

RUFINAMIDE

400 MG TABLET			
00002545993	AURO-RUFINAMIDE	AUR	\$ 2.1970
00002369648	BANZEL	EIS	\$ 3.5340

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Clarus 10 mg Capsule (DIN 02257955) manufactured by Viatris Canada (Mylan Pharmaceuticals 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 **February 14, 2025**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List on **January 15, 2025**.

ISOTRETINOIN			
10 MG CAPSULE			
00002257955	CLARUS	MYP	\$ 0.9313
00000582344	ACCUTANE	HLR	\$ 0.9547

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