

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Pharmascience Inc. and Apotex Inc. that the shortages for pms-Valproic Acid 50 mg/ml Oral Syrup (DIN 02236807) and Apo-Valproic 50 mg/ml Oral Syrup (DIN 02238370) 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 **February 1, 2018**.

VALPROIC ACID

50 MG / ML ORAL SYRUP

00002236807	PMS-VALPROIC ACID	PMS	\$ 0.0398
00002238370	APO-VALPROIC	APX	\$ 0.0605
00000443832	DEPAKENE	BGP	\$ 0.1153

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

Due to the unavailability of Dexiron 50 mg/ml Injection (DIN 02205963) manufactured by Luitpold Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Venofer 20 mg/ml Injection (DIN 02243716) manufactured by Luitpold Pharmaceuticals, Inc., will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of **January 9, 2018**, all claims for Venofer 20 mg/ml Injection (DIN 02243716) 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.

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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