

Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL) interim update now available online

Please be advised that the **June 1, 2021**, updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* has been posted online at ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php.

Please refer to the June 1, 2021, updates for complete listings of products available by special authorization, restricted benefit, added products, Least Cost Alternative (LCA) price changes, products with a price change and discontinued products.

Please note that the online Interactive Drug Benefit List (iDBL) at ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl_main1.php is a near real-time application, and as such, contains the most up-to-date information.

Product supply shortages addressed for ADBL

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc. that the shortage for Taro-Benzoyl Peroxide/Clinda Kit 5%/1% Topical Gel (DIN 02464519) 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 **June 7, 2021**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **May 7, 2021**.

CLINDAMYCIN PHOSPHATE/ BENZOYL PEROXIDE

1 % / 5 % TOPICAL GEL

0002464519	TARO-BENZOYL PEROXIDE/CLINDAMYCIN KIT	TAR	\$ 0.7422
00002248472	BENZACLIN	VCL	\$ 1.0328

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. that the shortage for Apo-Alendronate/Vitamin D3 70 mg/5600 Unit Tablet (DIN 02454475) 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 **June 7, 2021**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **May 7, 2021**.

ALENDRONATE SODIUM / VITAMIN D3

70 MG / 5600 UNIT TABLET

00002454475	APO-ALENDRONATE / VITAMIN D3	APX	\$ 1.2174
00002403641	TEVA-ALENDRONATE / CHOLECALCIFEROL	TEV	\$ 1.2174
00002314940	FOSAVANCE	MFC	\$ 5.0366

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Removal of imported temporary benefits from ADBL

In 2020, Health Canada issued an interim order to allow the importation and sales of certain drug products in Canada as an emergency measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the unavailability of the following products, Teva Canada's UK product, Salamol CFC-Free 100 mcg/Dose Inhalation Metered Dose Aerosol (PIN 09858115) was added as a temporary benefit for the ADBL.

DIN	Product description
02232570	Airomir CFC-Free 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol
02245669	Apo-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol
02419858	Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol
02241497	Ventolin HFA 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol

Bausch Health, Apotex Inc., Sanis Health Inc., and GlaxoSmithKline have advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortages have been resolved.

As a result, Salamol CFC-Free 100 mcg/Dose Inhalation Metered Dose Aerosol (PIN 09858115) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the ADBL after **June 3, 2021**. The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **May 5, 2021**.

Due to the unavailability of the following products, Pharma Stulln's Germany product, Timo-Stulln 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution (PIN 09858120) was added as a temporary benefit for the ADBL.

DIN	Product description
00755834	Apo-Timop 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution
02166720	Sandoz Timolol 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution
00451207	Timoptic 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution

Apotex Inc., Sandoz Canada Inc., and Elvium Life Sciences have advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortages have been resolved.

As a result, Timo-Stulln 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution (PIN 09858120) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the ADBL after **June 7, 2021**. The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **May 6, 2021**.

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