

Updates to the Alberta Drug Benefit List

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Special Authorization

The following drug product(s) will be considered for coverage by special authorization for patients covered under Alberta government-sponsored drug programs. Criteria for coverage of Alberta Human Services can be found in the February 1, 2015 Updates To the Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement.

New Drug Product(s) Available by Special Authorization

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
MOZOBIL 20 MG / ML INJECTION	PLERIXAFOR	00002377225	SAV

Additional Brand(s) and/or Strength(s) of Drug Products Available by Special Authorization

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
ACH-EZETIMIBE 10 MG TABLET	EZETIMIBE	00002425610	AHI
APO-CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002418932	APX
APO-CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002418940	APX
CO CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002420155	APH
CO CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002420163	APH
GD-CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002291975	GMD
GD-CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002291983	GMD
JAMP-CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002424533	JPC
JAMP-CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002424541	JPC
MAR-CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002420058	MAR
MAR-CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002420066	MAR
MINT-CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002412497	MPI
MINT-CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002412500	MPI
MYLAN-CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002423278	MYP
MYLAN-CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002399881	MYP
PMS-CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002355442	PMS
PMS-CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002355450	PMS
PMS-ZOLEDRONIC ACID 0.8 MG / ML INJECTION	ZOLEDRONIC ACID	00002403056	PMS
RAN-CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002412373	RAN
RAN-CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002412381	RAN
SANDOZ CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002321246	SDZ
SANDOZ CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002321254	SDZ

Additional Brand(s) and/or Strength(s) of Drug Products Available by Special Authorization, continued

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
SANDOZ LINEZOLID 600 MG TABLET	LINEZOLID	00002422689	SDZ
SANDOZ VORICONAZOLE 50 MG TABLET	VORICONAZOLE	00002399245	SDZ
SANDOZ VORICONAZOLE 200 MG TABLET	VORICONAZOLE	00002399253	SDZ
TEVA-CELECOXIB 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002288915	TEV
TEVA-CELECOXIB 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002288923	TEV
TEVA-VALGANCICLOVIR 450 MG TABLET	VALGANCICLOVIR HCL	00002413825	TEV
TEVA-VORICONAZOLE 50 MG TABLET	VORICONAZOLE	00002396866	TEV
TEVA-VORICONAZOLE 200 MG TABLET	VORICONAZOLE	00002396874	TEV

Drug Product(s) with Changes to Criteria for Coverage

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
APO-VALGANCICLOVIR 450 MG TABLET	VALGANCICLOVIR HCL	00002393824	APX
RITUXAN 10 MG / ML INJECTION	RITUXIMAB	00002241927	HLR
VALCYTE 450 MG TABLET	VALGANCICLOVIR HCL	00002245777	HLR
VALCYTE 50 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION	VALGANCICLOVIR HCL	00002306085	HLR

Additional Brand(s) and/or Strength(s) of Drug Products Available by Restricted Benefit / Special Authorization

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
JAMP-ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT 2.5 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET	ZOLMITRIPTAN	00002428237	JPC

Restricted Benefit(s)

Drug Product(s) with Changes to Criteria for Coverage

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
PMS-CHLORAL HYDRATE 100 MG / ML ORAL SYRUP	CHLORAL HYDRATE	00000792659	PMS

Added Product(s)

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
ACH-TELMISARTAN HCTZ 80 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	TELMISARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002419114	AHI
ACH-TELMISARTAN HCTZ 80 MG / 25 MG TABLET	TELMISARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002419122	AHI
APO-CLARITHROMYCIN XL 500 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET	CLARITHROMYCIN	00002413345	APX
AURO-CEFIXIME 400 MG TABLET	CEFIXIME	00002432773	AUR
CEFTRIAXONE SODIUM 10 G / VIAL INJECTION	CEFTRIAXONE SODIUM	00002325632	STM
GABAPENTIN 100 MG CAPSULE	GABAPENTIN	00002416840	AHI
GABAPENTIN 300 MG CAPSULE	GABAPENTIN	00002416859	AHI
GABAPENTIN 400 MG CAPSULE	GABAPENTIN	00002416867	AHI
JAMP-ESCITALOPRAM 10 MG TABLET	ESCITALOPRAM	00002429780	JPC
JAMP-ESCITALOPRAM 20 MG TABLET	ESCITALOPRAM	00002429799	JPC
LEVETIRACETAM 250 MG TABLET	LEVETIRACETAM	00002399776	AHI
LEVETIRACETAM 500 MG TABLET	LEVETIRACETAM	00002399784	AHI
LEVETIRACETAM 750 MG TABLET	LEVETIRACETAM	00002399792	AHI
MAR-ESCITALOPRAM 10 MG TABLET	ESCITALOPRAM	00002423480	MAR
MAR-ESCITALOPRAM 20 MG TABLET	ESCITALOPRAM	00002423502	MAR
PONSTAN 250 MG CAPSULE	MEFENAMIC ACID	00000155225	ERF
SANDOZ ALENDRONATE/CHOLECALCIFEROL 70 MG / 5,600 UNIT TABLET	ALENDRONATE SODIUM/ VITAMIN D3	00002429160	SDZ
SANDOZ ESCITALOPRAM 10 MG TABLET	ESCITALOPRAM	00002364077	SDZ
SANDOZ ESCITALOPRAM 20 MG TABLET	ESCITALOPRAM	00002364085	SDZ
SANDOZ PAROXETINE 20 MG TABLET	PAROXETINE HCL	00002431785	SDZ
SANDOZ PAROXETINE 30 MG TABLET	PAROXETINE HCL	00002431793	SDZ
SANDOZ TOPIRAMATE 25 MG TABLET	TOPIRAMATE	00002431807	SDZ
SANDOZ TOPIRAMATE 100 MG TABLET	TOPIRAMATE	00002431815	SDZ

Added Product(s), continued

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
SANDOZ TOPIRAMATE 200 MG TABLET	TOPIRAMATE	00002431823	SDZ
TELMISARTAN 40 MG TABLET	TELMISARTAN	00002407485	AHI
TELMISARTAN 80 MG TABLET	TELMISARTAN	00002407493	AHI
TEVA-CITALOPRAM 10 MG TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002312336	TEV

New Established Interchangeable (IC) Grouping(s)

The following IC Grouping(s) have been established and LCA pricing will be applied effective March 1, 2015.

Generic Description	Strength / Form	New LCA Price
CEFIXIME	400 MG TABLET	3.0796
CELECOXIB	100 MG CAPSULE	0.1748
CELECOXIB	200 MG CAPSULE	0.3497
CLARITHROMYCIN	500 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET	1.2572
LINEZOLID	600 MG TABLET	37.0500

Least Cost Alternative (LCA) Price Change(s)

The following established IC Grouping(s) are affected and a revised LCA price has been established. Groupings affected by a price decrease will be effective March 1, 2015.

Please review the online Alberta Drug Benefit List at https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl_main1.html for further information.

Generic Description	Strength / Form	New LCA Price
ALENDRONATE SODIUM/ VITAMIN D3	70 MG / 5,600 UNIT TABLET	2.3108
MODAFINIL	100 MG TABLET	0.9293
VALGANCICLOVIR HCL	450 MG TABLET	11.6062
ZOLEDRONIC ACID	0.8 MG / ML INJECTION	38.7856

Product(s) With A Price Change

The following product(s) had a Price Decrease. The previous higher price will be recognized until February 28, 2015. For products within an established IC Grouping, the LCA price may apply.

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
APO-MODAFINIL 100 MG TABLET	MODAFINIL	00002285398	APX
TELMISARTAN 40 MG TABLET	TELMISARTAN	00002390345	SIV

Product(s) With A Price Change, continued

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
TELMISARTAN 80 MG TABLET	TELMISARTAN	00002390353	SIV
TELMISARTAN HCTZ 80 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	TELMISARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002390302	SIV
TELMISARTAN HCTZ 80 MG / 25 MG TABLET	TELMISARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002390310	SIV
TEVA- ALENDRONATE/CHOLECALCIFEROL 70 MG / 5,600 UNIT TABLET	ALENDRONATE SODIUM/ VITAMIN D3	00002403641	TEV
ZOLEDRONIC ACID - Z 0.8 MG / ML INJECTION	ZOLEDRONIC ACID	00002401606	SDZ
ZOLEDRONIC ACID CONCENTRATE 0.8 MG / ML INJECTION	ZOLEDRONIC ACID	00002413701	OMG
ZOLEDRONIC ACID CONCENTRATE 0.8 MG / ML INJECTION	ZOLEDRONIC ACID	00002422425	DRL

Discontinued Listing(s)

Notification of discontinuation has been received from the manufacturer(s). The Alberta government-sponsored drug programs previously covered the following drug product(s). Effective February 1, 2015, the listed product(s) will no longer be a benefit and will not be considered for coverage by special authorization. A transition period will be applied and, as of February 28, 2015 claims will no longer pay for these products. Please note, for products that were covered by Special Authorization, no transition period will be applied, and as of January 31, 2015, claims will no longer pay for these products.

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
APO-CEFPROZIL 50 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION	CEFPROZIL	00002293951	APX
APO-DILTIAZ TZ 120 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	DILTIAZEM HCL	00002291037	APX
APO-DILTIAZ TZ 180 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	DILTIAZEM HCL	00002291045	APX
APO-DILTIAZ TZ 240 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	DILTIAZEM HCL	00002291053	APX
APO-DILTIAZ TZ 300 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	DILTIAZEM HCL	00002291061	APX
APO-DILTIAZ TZ 360 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	DILTIAZEM HCL	00002291088	APX
APO-LISINOPRIL/HCTZ 10 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	LISINOPRIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002261979	APX
APO-LISINOPRIL/HCTZ 20 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	LISINOPRIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002261987	APX

Discontinued Listing(s), continued

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
APO-VALACYCLOVIR (CAPLET) 500 MG TABLET	VALACYCLOVIR	00002295822	APX
APO-VALACYCLOVIR (CAPLET) 1,000 MG TABLET	VALACYCLOVIR	00002354705	APX
AURO-VALACYCLOVIR 500 MG TABLET	VALACYCLOVIR	00002405040	AUR
CO VALACYCLOVIR 500 MG TABLET	VALACYCLOVIR	00002331748	APH
ENTROPHEN 10 650 MG ENTERIC-COATED TABLET	ASA	00000010340	PPH
ESTROGEL PROPAK 0.06 % / 100 MG TRANSDERMAL/ORAL GEL/CAPSULE	ESTRADIOL-17B/ PROGESTERONE	00002403404	MFC
LEVAQUIN 250 MG TABLET	LEVOFLOXACIN	00002236841	JAI
MYLAN-CARBAMAZEPINE CR 400 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET	CARBAMAZEPINE	00002241883	MYP
MYLAN-GLYBE 2.5 MG TABLET	GLYBURIDE	00000808733	MYP
MYLAN-SOTALOL 80 MG TABLET	SOTALOL HCL	00002229778	MYP
MYLAN-TIZANIDINE 4 MG TABLET	TIZANIDINE HCL	00002272059	MYP
MYLAN-TRAZODONE 100 MG TABLET	TRAZODONE HCL	00002231684	MYP
NOVO-CIMETINE 400 MG TABLET	CIMETIDINE	00000603678	TEV
PHL-TOPIRAMATE 25 MG TABLET	TOPIRAMATE	00002271184	PHH
PHL-TOPIRAMATE 100 MG TABLET	TOPIRAMATE	00002271192	PHH
PHL-TOPIRAMATE 200 MG TABLET	TOPIRAMATE	00002271206	PHH
PMS-NIZATIDINE 150 MG CAPSULE	NIZATIDINE	00002177714	PMS
PMS-NIZATIDINE 300 MG CAPSULE	NIZATIDINE	00002177722	PMS
PMS-VALACYCLOVIR (CAPLET) 500 MG TABLET	VALACYCLOVIR	00002298457	PMS
PROGLYCEM 100 MG CAPSULE	DIAZOXIDE	00000503347	MFC
RATIO-FLUVOXAMINE 100 MG TABLET	FLUVOXAMINE MALEATE	00002218461	RPH
RATIO-LEVOBUNOLOL 0.25 % OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION	LEVOBUNOLOL HCL	00002031159	RPH
SANDOZ CARBAMAZEPINE 200 MG CHEWABLE TABLET	CARBAMAZEPINE	00002261863	SDZ
SANDOZ CLONAZEPAM 0.5 MG TABLET	CLONAZEPAM	00002233960	SDZ
SANDOZ CLONAZEPAM 2 MG TABLET	CLONAZEPAM	00002233985	SDZ

Discontinued Listing(s), continued

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
SANDOZ LEVOBUNOLOL 0.5 % OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION	LEVOBUNOLOL HCL	00002241716	SDZ
SANDOZ OFLOXACIN 0.3 % OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION	OFLOXACIN	00002247189	SDZ
SANDOZ PRAVASTATIN 10 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	00002247856	SDZ
SANDOZ PRAVASTATIN 20 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	00002247857	SDZ
SANDOZ TERBINAFINE 250 MG TABLET	TERBINAFINE HCL	00002262177	SDZ
TEVA-IRBESARTAN 300 MG TABLET	IRBESARTAN	00002316005	TEV
TEVA-RAMIPRIL/HCTZ 5 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	RAMIPRIL/ HYDOCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002388340	TEV
TEVA-RAMIPRIL/HCTZ 10 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	RAMIPRIL/ HYDOCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002388359	TEV
TEVA-VALACYCLOVIR 500 MG TABLET	VALACYCLOVIR	00002357534	TEV

PART 2

Drug Additions

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ALENDRONATE SODIUM/ VITAMIN D3

70 MG * 5,600 UNIT	ORAL TABLET			
00002429160	SANDOZ	SDZ	\$	2.3108
	ALENDRONATE/CHOLECALCIFEROL			
00002403641	TEVA-ALENDRONATE/CHOLECALCIFEROL	TEV	\$	2.3312
00002314940	FOSAVANCE	MFC	\$	4.6216

CEFIXIME

400 MG	ORAL TABLET			
00002432773	AURO-CEFIXIME	AUR	\$	3.0796
00000868981	SUPRAX	SAV	\$	3.6230

CEFTRIAZONE SODIUM

10 G / VIAL (BASE)	INJECTION			
00002325632	CEFTRIAZONE SODIUM	STM	\$	214.2000

CHLORAL HYDRATE

RESTRICTED BENEFIT - This Drug Product is restricted for use as a premedicant prior to surgery or procedure for patients less than 18 years of age. A limit of 2 doses per procedure will be allowed and coverage will be granted for a total of 4 procedures per year. Chloral Hydrate will continue to be a regular benefit for patients greater than or equal to 18 years of age.

Coverage will be provided for dosing based on the Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) product monograph.

100 MG / ML	ORAL SYRUP			
00000792659	PMS-CHLORAL HYDRATE	PMS	\$	0.0466

CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE

10 MG (BASE)	ORAL TABLET			
00002414570	ABBOTT-CITALOPRAM	ABB	\$	0.1432
00002355248	ACCEL-CITALOPRAM	ACP	\$	0.1432
00002370085	JAMP-CITALOPRAM	JPC	\$	0.1432
00002371871	MAR-CITALOPRAM	MAR	\$	0.1432
00002370077	MINT-CITALOPRAM	MPI	\$	0.1432
00002270609	PMS-CITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.1432
00002312336	TEVA-CITALOPRAM	TEV	\$	0.1432

CLARITHROMYCIN

500 MG	ORAL EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET			
00002413345	APO-CLARITHROMYCIN XL	APX	\$	1.2572
00002244756	BIAXIN XL	ABB	\$	2.5144

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ESCITALOPRAM

10 MG ORAL TABLET

00002295016	APO-ESCITALOPRAM	APX	\$	0.4318
00002397358	AURO-ESCITALOPRAM	AUR	\$	0.4318
00002313561	CO ESCITALOPRAM	APH	\$	0.4318
00002430118	ESCITALOPRAM	SNS	\$	0.4318
00002429780	JAMP-ESCITALOPRAM	JPC	\$	0.4318
00002423480	MAR-ESCITALOPRAM	MAR	\$	0.4318
00002309467	MYLAN-ESCITALOPRAM	MYP	\$	0.4318
00002303949	PMS-ESCITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.4318
00002385481	RAN-ESCITALOPRAM	RAN	\$	0.4318
00002364077	SANDOZ ESCITALOPRAM	SDZ	\$	0.4318
00002318180	TEVA-ESCITALOPRAM	TEV	\$	0.4318
00002263238	CIPRALEX	LBC	\$	1.7270

20 MG ORAL TABLET

00002295024	APO-ESCITALOPRAM	APX	\$	0.4597
00002397374	AURO-ESCITALOPRAM	AUR	\$	0.4597
00002313588	CO ESCITALOPRAM	APH	\$	0.4597
00002430126	ESCITALOPRAM	SNS	\$	0.4597
00002429799	JAMP-ESCITALOPRAM	JPC	\$	0.4597
00002423502	MAR-ESCITALOPRAM	MAR	\$	0.4597
00002309475	MYLAN-ESCITALOPRAM	MYP	\$	0.4597
00002303965	PMS-ESCITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.4597
00002385503	RAN-ESCITALOPRAM	RAN	\$	0.4597
00002364085	SANDOZ ESCITALOPRAM	SDZ	\$	0.4597
00002318202	TEVA-ESCITALOPRAM	TEV	\$	0.4597
00002263254	CIPRALEX	LBC	\$	1.8387

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GABAPENTIN

100 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002244304	APO-GABAPENTIN	APX	\$	0.1040
00002321203	AURO-GABAPENTIN	AUR	\$	0.1040
00002256142	CO GABAPENTIN	APH	\$	0.1040
00002246314	GABAPENTIN	SIV	\$	0.1040
00002332582	GABAPENTIN	RAN	\$	0.1040
00002353245	GABAPENTIN	SNS	\$	0.1040
00002416840	GABAPENTIN	AHI	\$	0.1040
00002285819	GD-GABAPENTIN	GMD	\$	0.1040
00002361469	JAMP-GABAPENTIN	JPC	\$	0.1040
00002391473	MAR-GABAPENTIN	MAR	\$	0.1040
00002248259	MYLAN-GABAPENTIN	MYP	\$	0.1040
00002243446	PMS-GABAPENTIN	PMS	\$	0.1040
00002319055	RAN-GABAPENTIN	RAN	\$	0.1040
00002260883	RATIO-GABAPENTIN	RPH	\$	0.1040
00002244513	TEVA-GABAPENTIN	TEV	\$	0.1040
00002084260	NEURONTIN	PFI	\$	0.4285

300 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002244305	APO-GABAPENTIN	APX	\$	0.2530
00002321211	AURO-GABAPENTIN	AUR	\$	0.2530
00002256150	CO GABAPENTIN	APH	\$	0.2530
00002246315	GABAPENTIN	SIV	\$	0.2530
00002332590	GABAPENTIN	RAN	\$	0.2530
00002353253	GABAPENTIN	SNS	\$	0.2530
00002416859	GABAPENTIN	AHI	\$	0.2530
00002285827	GD-GABAPENTIN	GMD	\$	0.2530
00002361485	JAMP-GABAPENTIN	JPC	\$	0.2530
00002391481	MAR-GABAPENTIN	MAR	\$	0.2530
00002248260	MYLAN-GABAPENTIN	MYP	\$	0.2530
00002243447	PMS-GABAPENTIN	PMS	\$	0.2530
00002319063	RAN-GABAPENTIN	RAN	\$	0.2530
00002244514	TEVA-GABAPENTIN	TEV	\$	0.2530
00002084279	NEURONTIN	PFI	\$	1.0425

400 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002244306	APO-GABAPENTIN	APX	\$	0.3015
00002321238	AURO-GABAPENTIN	AUR	\$	0.3015
00002256169	CO GABAPENTIN	APH	\$	0.3015
00002246316	GABAPENTIN	SIV	\$	0.3015
00002332604	GABAPENTIN	RAN	\$	0.3015
00002353261	GABAPENTIN	SNS	\$	0.3015
00002416867	GABAPENTIN	AHI	\$	0.3015
00002285835	GD-GABAPENTIN	GMD	\$	0.3015
00002361493	JAMP-GABAPENTIN	JPC	\$	0.3015
00002391503	MAR-GABAPENTIN	MAR	\$	0.3015
00002248261	MYLAN-GABAPENTIN	MYP	\$	0.3015
00002243448	PMS-GABAPENTIN	PMS	\$	0.3015
00002319071	RAN-GABAPENTIN	RAN	\$	0.3015
00002260905	RATIO-GABAPENTIN	RPH	\$	0.3015
00002244515	TEVA-GABAPENTIN	TEV	\$	0.3015
00002084287	NEURONTIN	PFI	\$	1.2424

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LEVETIRACETAM

250 MG ORAL TABLET

00002414805	ABBOTT-LEVETIRACETAM	ABB	\$	0.8000
00002274183	ACT LEVETIRACETAM	APH	\$	0.8000
00002285924	APO-LEVETIRACETAM	APX	\$	0.8000
00002375249	AURO-LEVETIRACETAM	AUR	\$	0.8000
00002403005	JAMP-LEVETIRACETAM	JPC	\$	0.8000
00002353342	LEVETIRACETAM	SNS	\$	0.8000
00002399776	LEVETIRACETAM	AHI	\$	0.8000
00002296101	PMS-LEVETIRACETAM	PMS	\$	0.8000
00002396106	RAN-LEVETIRACETAM	RAN	\$	0.8000
00002247027	KEPPRA	UCB	\$	1.7014

500 MG ORAL TABLET

00002414791	ABBOTT-LEVETIRACETAM	ABB	\$	0.9750
00002274191	ACT LEVETIRACETAM	APH	\$	0.9750
00002285932	APO-LEVETIRACETAM	APX	\$	0.9750
00002375257	AURO-LEVETIRACETAM	AUR	\$	0.9750
00002403021	JAMP-LEVETIRACETAM	JPC	\$	0.9750
00002353350	LEVETIRACETAM	SNS	\$	0.9750
00002399784	LEVETIRACETAM	AHI	\$	0.9750
00002296128	PMS-LEVETIRACETAM	PMS	\$	0.9750
00002396114	RAN-LEVETIRACETAM	RAN	\$	0.9750
00002247028	KEPPRA	UCB	\$	2.0920

750 MG ORAL TABLET

00002414783	ABBOTT-LEVETIRACETAM	ABB	\$	1.3500
00002274205	ACT LEVETIRACETAM	APH	\$	1.3500
00002285940	APO-LEVETIRACETAM	APX	\$	1.3500
00002375265	AURO-LEVETIRACETAM	AUR	\$	1.3500
00002403048	JAMP-LEVETIRACETAM	JPC	\$	1.3500
00002353369	LEVETIRACETAM	SNS	\$	1.3500
00002399792	LEVETIRACETAM	AHI	\$	1.3500
00002296136	PMS-LEVETIRACETAM	PMS	\$	1.3500
00002396122	RAN-LEVETIRACETAM	RAN	\$	1.3500
00002247029	KEPPRA	UCB	\$	2.8965

MEFENAMIC ACID

250 MG ORAL CAPSULE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000155225	PONSTAN	ERF	\$	0.3990
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002229452	MEFENAMIC	AAP	\$	0.4499

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PRODUCT IS NOT INTERCHANGEABLE

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

PAROXETINE HCL

20 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002262754	ACT PAROXETINE	APH	\$	0.4513
00002240908	APO-PAROXETINE	APX	\$	0.4513
00002383284	AURO-PAROXETINE	AUR	\$	0.4513
00002368870	JAMP-PAROXETINE	JPC	\$	0.4513
00002411954	MAR-PAROXETINE	MAR	\$	0.4513
00002421380	MINT-PAROXETINE	MPI	\$	0.4513
00002248013	MYLAN-PAROXETINE	MYP	\$	0.4513
00002282852	PAROXETINE	SNS	\$	0.4513
00002388235	PAROXETINE	SIV	\$	0.4513
00002247751	PMS-PAROXETINE	PMS	\$	0.4513
00002247811	RATIO-PAROXETINE	RPH	\$	0.4513
00002269430	SANDOZ PAROXETINE	SDZ	\$	0.4513
00002431785	SANDOZ PAROXETINE	SDZ	\$	0.4513
00002248557	TEVA-PAROXETINE	TEV	\$	0.4513
00001940481	PAXIL	GSK	\$	1.8056

30 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002262762	ACT PAROXETINE	APH	\$	0.4796
00002240909	APO-PAROXETINE	APX	\$	0.4796
00002383292	AURO-PAROXETINE	AUR	\$	0.4796
00002368889	JAMP-PAROXETINE	JPC	\$	0.4796
00002411962	MAR-PAROXETINE	MAR	\$	0.4796
00002421399	MINT-PAROXETINE	MPI	\$	0.4796
00002248014	MYLAN-PAROXETINE	MYP	\$	0.4796
00002282860	PAROXETINE	SNS	\$	0.4796
00002388243	PAROXETINE	SIV	\$	0.4796
00002247752	PMS-PAROXETINE	PMS	\$	0.4796
00002269449	SANDOZ PAROXETINE	SDZ	\$	0.4796
00002431793	SANDOZ PAROXETINE	SDZ	\$	0.4796
00002248558	TEVA-PAROXETINE	TEV	\$	0.4796
00001940473	PAXIL	GSK	\$	1.9183

TELMISARTAN

40 MG ORAL TABLET

00002393247	ACT TELMISARTAN	APH	\$	0.2820
00002420082	APO-TELMISARTAN	APX	\$	0.2820
00002376717	MYLAN-TELMISARTAN	MYP	\$	0.2820
00002391236	PMS-TELMISARTAN	PMS	\$	0.2820
00002375958	SANDOZ TELMISARTAN	SDZ	\$	0.2820
00002388944	TELMISARTAN	SNS	\$	0.2820
00002390345	TELMISARTAN	SIV	\$	0.2820
00002407485	TELMISARTAN	AHI	\$	0.2820
00002320177	TEVA-TELMISARTAN	TEV	\$	0.2820
00002240769	MICARDIS	BOE	\$	1.1657

80 MG ORAL TABLET

00002393255	ACT TELMISARTAN	APH	\$	0.2820
00002420090	APO-TELMISARTAN	APX	\$	0.2820
00002376725	MYLAN-TELMISARTAN	MYP	\$	0.2820
00002391244	PMS-TELMISARTAN	PMS	\$	0.2820
00002375966	SANDOZ TELMISARTAN	SDZ	\$	0.2820
00002388952	TELMISARTAN	SNS	\$	0.2820
00002390353	TELMISARTAN	SIV	\$	0.2820
00002407493	TELMISARTAN	AHI	\$	0.2820
00002320185	TEVA-TELMISARTAN	TEV	\$	0.2820
00002240770	MICARDIS	BOE	\$	1.1657

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ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

TELMISARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE

80 MG * 12.5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002419114	ACH-TELMISARTAN HCTZ	AHI	\$	0.2821
00002393263	ACT TELMISARTAN/HCT	APH	\$	0.2821
00002420023	APO-TELMISARTAN/HCTZ	APX	\$	0.2821
00002373564	MYLAN-TELMISARTAN HCTZ	MYP	\$	0.2821
00002401665	PMS-TELMISARTAN-HCTZ	PMS	\$	0.2821
00002393557	SANDOZ TELMISARTAN HCT	SDZ	\$	0.2821
00002390302	TELMISARTAN HCTZ	SIV	\$	0.2821
00002395355	TELMISARTAN/HCTZ	SNS	\$	0.2821
00002330288	TEVA-TELMISARTAN HCTZ	TEV	\$	0.2821
00002244344	MICARDIS PLUS	BOE	\$	1.1657

80 MG * 25 MG ORAL TABLET

00002419122	ACH-TELMISARTAN HCTZ	AHI	\$	0.2821
00002393271	ACT TELMISARTAN/HCT	APH	\$	0.2821
00002420031	APO-TELMISARTAN/HCTZ	APX	\$	0.2821
00002373572	MYLAN-TELMISARTAN HCTZ	MYP	\$	0.2821
00002401673	PMS-TELMISARTAN-HCTZ	PMS	\$	0.2821
00002393565	SANDOZ TELMISARTAN HCT	SDZ	\$	0.2821
00002390310	TELMISARTAN HCTZ	SIV	\$	0.2821
00002395363	TELMISARTAN/HCTZ	SNS	\$	0.2821
00002379252	TEVA-TELMISARTAN HCTZ	TEV	\$	0.2821
00002318709	MICARDIS PLUS	BOE	\$	1.1657

TOPIRAMATE

25 MG ORAL TABLET

00002287765	ACT TOPIRAMATE	APH	\$	0.3128
00002279614	APO-TOPIRAMATE	APX	\$	0.3128
00002345803	AURO-TOPIRAMATE	AUR	\$	0.3128
00002315645	MINT-TOPIRAMATE	MPI	\$	0.3128
00002263351	MYLAN-TOPIRAMATE	MYP	\$	0.3128
00002262991	PMS-TOPIRAMATE	PMS	\$	0.3128
00002260050	SANDOZ TOPIRAMATE	SDZ	\$	0.3128
00002431807	SANDOZ TOPIRAMATE	SDZ	\$	0.3128
00002248860	TEVA-TOPIRAMATE	TEV	\$	0.3128
00002356856	TOPIRAMATE	SNS	\$	0.3128
00002389460	TOPIRAMATE	SIV	\$	0.3128
00002395738	TOPIRAMATE	AHI	\$	0.3128
00002230893	TOPAMAX	JAI	\$	1.2902

100 MG ORAL TABLET

00002287773	ACT TOPIRAMATE	APH	\$	0.5928
00002279630	APO-TOPIRAMATE	APX	\$	0.5928
00002345838	AURO-TOPIRAMATE	AUR	\$	0.5928
00002315653	MINT-TOPIRAMATE	MPI	\$	0.5928
00002263378	MYLAN-TOPIRAMATE	MYP	\$	0.5928
00002263009	PMS-TOPIRAMATE	PMS	\$	0.5928
00002260069	SANDOZ TOPIRAMATE	SDZ	\$	0.5928
00002431815	SANDOZ TOPIRAMATE	SDZ	\$	0.5928
00002248861	TEVA-TOPIRAMATE	TEV	\$	0.5928
00002356864	TOPIRAMATE	SNS	\$	0.5928
00002389487	TOPIRAMATE	SIV	\$	0.5928
00002395746	TOPIRAMATE	AHI	\$	0.5928
00002230894	TOPAMAX	JAI	\$	2.4450

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ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

TOPIRAMATE

200 MG ORAL TABLET

00002287781	ACT TOPIRAMATE	APH	\$	0.8853
00002279649	APO-TOPIRAMATE	APX	\$	0.8853
00002345846	AURO-TOPIRAMATE	AUR	\$	0.8853
00002315661	MINT-TOPIRAMATE	MPI	\$	0.8853
00002263386	MYLAN-TOPIRAMATE	MYP	\$	0.8853
00002263017	PMS-TOPIRAMATE	PMS	\$	0.8853
00002267837	SANDOZ TOPIRAMATE	SDZ	\$	0.8853
00002431823	SANDOZ TOPIRAMATE	SDZ	\$	0.8853
00002248862	TEVA-TOPIRAMATE	TEV	\$	0.8853
00002356872	TOPIRAMATE	SNS	\$	0.8853
00002395754	TOPIRAMATE	AHI	\$	0.8853
00002230896	TOPAMAX	JAI	\$	3.6515

ZOLMITRIPTAN

RESTRICTED BENEFIT - This product is a benefit for patients 18 to 64 years of age inclusive for the treatment of acute migraine attacks in patients where other standard therapy has failed. (Refer to Criteria for Special Authorization of Select Drug Products of the List for eligibility in patients 65 years of age and older; and Criteria for Special Authorization of Select Drug Products of the Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement for eligibility in Alberta Human Services clients.)

2.5 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET

00002381575	APO-ZOLMITRIPTAN RAPID	APX	\$	4.6050
00002428237	JAMP-ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT	JPC	\$	4.6050
00002419513	MINT-ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT	MPI	\$	4.6050
00002387158	MYLAN-ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT	MYP	\$	4.6050
00002324768	PMS-ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT	PMS	\$	4.6050
00002362996	SANDOZ ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT	SDZ	\$	4.6050
00002428474	SEPTA-ZOLMITRIPTAN-ODT	SEP	\$	4.6050
00002342545	TEVA-ZOLMITRIPTAN OD	TEV	\$	4.6050
00002243045	ZOMIG RAPIMELT	AZC	\$	14.1350

PART 3

Special Authorization

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

CELECOXIB

"1) For patients who are at high risk of upper gastrointestinal (GI) complications due to a proven history of prior complicated GI events (e.g. GI perforation, obstruction or major bleeding) or

2) For patients who have a documented history of ulcers proven radiographically and/or endoscopically.

Special authorization for both criteria may be granted for 6 months."

All requests for celecoxib must be completed using the Celecoxib Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 31140).

The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal.

100 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002418932	APO-CELECOXIB	APX	\$	0.1748
00002420155	CO CELECOXIB	APH	\$	0.1748
00002291975	GD-CELECOXIB	GMD	\$	0.1748
00002424533	JAMP-CELECOXIB	JPC	\$	0.1748
00002420058	MAR-CELECOXIB	MAR	\$	0.1748
00002412497	MINT-CELECOXIB	MPI	\$	0.1748
00002423278	MYLAN-CELECOXIB	MYP	\$	0.1748
00002355442	PMS-CELECOXIB	PMS	\$	0.1748
00002412373	RAN-CELECOXIB	RAN	\$	0.1748
00002321246	SANDOZ CELECOXIB	SDZ	\$	0.1748
00002288915	TEVA-CELECOXIB	TEV	\$	0.1748
00002239941	CELEBREX	PFI	\$	0.6992

200 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002418940	APO-CELECOXIB	APX	\$	0.3497
00002420163	CO CELECOXIB	APH	\$	0.3497
00002291983	GD-CELECOXIB	GMD	\$	0.3497
00002424541	JAMP-CELECOXIB	JPC	\$	0.3497
00002420066	MAR-CELECOXIB	MAR	\$	0.3497
00002412500	MINT-CELECOXIB	MPI	\$	0.3497
00002399881	MYLAN-CELECOXIB	MYP	\$	0.3497
00002355450	PMS-CELECOXIB	PMS	\$	0.3497
00002412381	RAN-CELECOXIB	RAN	\$	0.3497
00002321254	SANDOZ CELECOXIB	SDZ	\$	0.3497
00002288923	TEVA-CELECOXIB	TEV	\$	0.3497
00002239942	CELEBREX	PFI	\$	1.3988

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

EZETIMIBE

"For the treatment of hypercholesterolemia in patients who are intolerant to statins or in whom a statin is contraindicated and who are at high cardiovascular risk*; or

For the treatment of hypercholesterolemia when used in combination with a statin in patients failing to achieve target LDL with a statin at maximum tolerable dose or maximum recommended dose as per respective product monograph and who are at high cardiovascular risk*:

* High cardiovascular risk is defined as possessing one of the following:

- 1) Pre-existing cardiovascular disease and/or cerebrovascular disease, or
- 2) Diabetes, or
- 3) Familial hypercholesterolemia, or
- 4) Greater than or equal to 20% risk as defined by the Framingham Risk Assessment Tool, or
- 5) Three or more of the following risk factors:
 - Family history of premature cardiovascular disease
 - Smoking
 - Hypertension
 - Obesity
 - Glucose intolerance
 - Renal disease.

Special authorization for these criteria may be granted for 6 months."

All requests for ezetimibe must be completed using the Ezetimibe Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 30925).

The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal.

10 MG ORAL TABLET

00002425610	ACH-EZETIMIBE	AHI	\$	0.4549
00002414716	ACT EZETIMIBE	APH	\$	0.4549
00002427826	APO-EZETIMIBE	APX	\$	0.4549
00002431300	EZETIMIBE	SNS	\$	0.4549
00002378035	MYLAN-EZETIMIBE	MYP	\$	0.4549
00002419548	RAN-EZETIMIBE	RAN	\$	0.4549
00002416778	SANDOZ EZETIMIBE	SDZ	\$	0.4549
00002354101	TEVA-EZETIMIBE	TEV	\$	0.4549
00002247521	EZETROL	MFC	\$	1.8196

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

LINEZOLID

"For the treatment of:

- 1) Vancomycin-resistant enterococcus infections or
- 2) Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)/methicillin-resistant coagulase-negative Staphylococcus infections in patients who are unresponsive to or intolerant of vancomycin or
- 3) Susceptible organisms in patients severely intolerant or allergic to all other appropriate alternatives (e.g. beta-lactam antibiotics, clindamycin, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole and vancomycin) or to facilitate patient discharge from hospital where it otherwise would not be possible.

This product must be prescribed in consultation with a specialist in Infectious Diseases in all instances."

In order to comply with the above criteria, information is required regarding the type of infection and organisms involved. Information is also required regarding previous antibiotic therapy that has been utilized and the patient's response to therapy and the first line agents the organism is resistant to or why other first-line therapies cannot be used in this patient. The specialist in Infectious Diseases that recommended this drug is also required.

600 MG ORAL TABLET

00002422689	SANDOZ LINEZOLID	SDZ	\$ 37.0500
00002243684	ZYVOXAM	PFI	\$ 74.1000

MODAFINIL

"For the treatment of documented narcolepsy. This drug product must be prescribed by a specialist in Neurology or Psychiatry, or a sleep specialist affiliated with a recognized level 1 lab.

Special authorization may be granted for 6 months."

The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal.

100 MG ORAL TABLET

00002285398	APO-MODAFINIL	APX	\$ 0.9293
00002239665	ALERTEC	SHB	\$ 1.3490

PLERIXAFOR

"For the treatment of patients with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) or multiple myeloma (MM) undergoing Peripheral Blood Progenitor Cell (PBPC) collection and therapy, in combination with filgrastim, when prescribed by a designated prescriber."

Coverage may be approved for a maximum of 4 doses (0.24mg/kg given daily) for a single mobilization attempt.

All requests for Plerixafor must be completed using the Filgrastim/Pegfilgrastim/Plerixafor Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60013).

Special authorization may be granted for 12 months.

20 MG / ML INJECTION

00002377225	MOZOBIL	SAV	\$ 6295.8333
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**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

RITUXIMAB

Rheumatoid Arthritis:

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for use in combination with methotrexate for the reduction in signs and symptoms of severely active Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) in adult patients (18 years of age or older) who are refractory or intolerant to:

- Methotrexate at 20 mg (PO, SC or IM) or greater total weekly dosage (15 mg or greater if patient is 65 years of age or older) for more than 12 weeks. Patients who do not exhibit a clinical response to PO methotrexate or experience gastrointestinal intolerance to PO methotrexate must have a trial of parenteral methotrexate before being accepted as refractory; AND
- Methotrexate with other disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent(s) (minimum 4 month trial). [e.g., methotrexate with hydroxychloroquine or methotrexate with sulfasalazine]; AND
- Leflunomide (minimum 10 week trial at 20 mg daily); AND
- One anti-tumor necrosis factor (anti-TNF) therapy (e.g., etanercept, infliximab or adalimumab) (minimum 12 week trial).

'Refractory' is defined as lack of effect at the recommended doses and for duration of treatments specified above.

'Intolerant' is defined as demonstrating serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be initiated by a Specialist in Rheumatology ("RA Specialist").

- Initial coverage may be approved for a dose of 1000 mg of rituximab administered at 0 and 2 weeks (total of 2 - 1000 mg doses).
- Patients will be limited to receiving one dose of rituximab per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Patients will be permitted to switch from one biologic agent to another (with the exception of anakinra) following an adequate trial of the first biologic agent if unresponsive to therapy, or due to serious adverse effects or contraindications. An adequate trial is defined as at a minimum the completion of induction dosing (e.g. initial coverage period).
- Patients will not be permitted to switch back to a previously trialed biologic agent if they were deemed unresponsive to therapy.
- Patients will not be permitted to switch from anakinra to other biologic agents except under exceptional circumstances.
- Patients are limited to receiving one biologic agent at a time regardless of the condition for which it is being prescribed.

For coverage for an additional two-dose course of therapy, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after each course of therapy, between 16 and 24 weeks after receiving the initial dose of each course of therapy, to determine response.
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
 - An improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] following the initial course of rituximab; AND
 - An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] following the initial course of rituximab.

It should be noted that the initial score for the DAS28 or HAQ score on record will be rounded to the correct number of decimal places as indicated above, AND

- 3) The patient must have experienced a subsequent loss of effect as defined by a worsening greater than or equal to 0.6 in the DAS28 score AND possess a DAS28 score of greater than or equal to 3.2.

Subsequent courses of therapy cannot be considered prior to 24 weeks elapsing from the initial dose of the previous course of therapy."

All requests (including renewal requests) for rituximab for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the Rituximab for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 31205).

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

RITUXIMAB

Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (GPA) or Microscopic Polyangiitis (MPA):

"For use in combination with glucocorticoids for the induction of remission of severely active granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA, also known as Wegener's granulomatosis) or microscopic polyangiitis (MPA) in adult patients who have:

- Severe active disease that is life- or organ-threatening. The organ(s) and how the organ(s) is (are) threatened must be specified; AND
- A positive serum assay for either proteinase 3-ANCA (anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody) or myeloperoxidase-ANCA. A copy of the lab report must be provided; AND
- Cyclophosphamide cannot be used for ONE of the following reasons:
 - a) The patient has failed a minimum of six intravenous pulses of cyclophosphamide; OR
 - b) The patient has failed three months of oral cyclophosphamide therapy; OR
 - c) The patient has a severe intolerance or an allergy to cyclophosphamide; OR
 - d) Cyclophosphamide is contraindicated; OR
 - e) The patient has received a cumulative lifetime dose of at least 25 grams of cyclophosphamide.

- Coverage may be approved for one dose of 375 mg per square metre of body surface area administered once weekly for 4 weeks.
- Patients will be limited to receiving one dose of rituximab per prescription at their pharmacy.
- For relapse following a remission, coverage may be provided for patients who experience a flare of severe active disease that is life- or organ-threatening; or, who experience worsening symptoms in 2 or more organs even if not life-threatening. Note: For relapse following a rituximab-induced remission, additional coverage may be approved no sooner than 6 months after previous rituximab treatment."

All requests (including renewal requests) for Rituxan for Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (GPA) or Microscopic Polyangiitis (MPA) must be completed using the Rituxan for Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis / Microscopic Polyangiitis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60018).

10 MG / ML INJECTION

00002241927	RITUXAN	HLR	\$ 45.3100
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**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

VALGANCICLOVIR HCL

"For the treatment of CMV retinitis in patients with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)."

"Special authorization may be granted for 12 months."

"For the prevention of CMV disease in solid organ transplant patients at risk (i.e. risk is defined as donor +ve/recipient -ve for CMV, or recipient +ve for CMV, or recipient +ve in patients receiving antilymphocyte antibody [ALA])."

For the purpose of administering this criterion, islet transplant recipients are at similar risk of CMV disease to patients undergoing a solid organ transplant and qualify for drug coverage."
"Special authorization may be granted for 100 days."

"For the prevention of CMV disease in kidney transplant patients at risk (i.e. risk is defined as donor +ve/recipient -ve for CMV, or recipient +ve for CMV, or recipient +ve in patients receiving antilymphocyte antibody [ALA])."

"Special authorization may be granted for 200 days."

All requests for valganciclovir must be completed using the Valganciclovir Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60017).

450 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002413825	TEVA-VALGANCICLOVIR	TEV	\$ 11.6062
00002393824	APO-VALGANCICLOVIR	APX	\$ 17.4093
00002245777	VALCYTE	HLR	\$ 23.2123

50 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION

00002306085	VALCYTE	HLR	\$ 2.5791
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VORICONAZOLE

"For the treatment of invasive aspergillosis for post-hospital discharge only."

"For treatment of culture proven invasive candidiasis with documented resistance to fluconazole."

"This medication must be prescribed in consultation with a specialist in Infectious Diseases."

50 MG ORAL TABLET

00002409674	APO-VORICONAZOLE	APX	\$ 3.1958
00002399245	SANDOZ VORICONAZOLE	SDZ	\$ 3.1958
00002396866	TEVA-VORICONAZOLE	TEV	\$ 3.1958
00002256460	VFEND	PFI	\$ 12.7830

200 MG ORAL TABLET

00002409682	APO-VORICONAZOLE	APX	\$ 12.7777
00002399253	SANDOZ VORICONAZOLE	SDZ	\$ 12.7777
00002396874	TEVA-VORICONAZOLE	TEV	\$ 12.7777
00002256479	VFEND	PFI	\$ 51.1109

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

ZOLEDRONIC ACID

"For the treatment of tumor-induced hypercalcemia in patients with documented evidence of intolerance or lack of response to clodronate or pamidronate. Special authorization may be granted for 6 months."

The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal.

0.8 MG / ML INJECTION

00002403056	PMS-ZOLEDRONIC ACID	PMS	\$	38.7856
00002401606	ZOLEDRONIC ACID - Z	SDZ	\$	38.7856
00002413701	ZOLEDRONIC ACID CONCENTRATE	OMG	\$	38.7856
00002422425	ZOLEDRONIC ACID CONCENTRATE	DRL	\$	38.7856
00002415186	TARO-ZOLEDRONIC ACID CONCENTRATE	TAR	\$	58.1520
00002407639	ZOLEDRONIC ACID	TEV	\$	58.1520
00002248296	ZOMETA CONCENTRATE	NOV	\$	110.8160

ZOLMITRIPTAN

(Refer to 28:32.28 of the Alberta Drug Benefit List for coverage of patients 18 to 64 years of age inclusive.)

"For the treatment of acute migraine attacks in patients 65 years of age and older where other standard therapy has failed."

"For the treatment of acute migraine attacks in patients 65 years of age and older who have been using zolmitriptan prior to turning 65."

"Special authorization for both criteria may be granted for 24 months."

In order to comply with the first criteria, information is required regarding previous medications utilized and the patient's response to therapy.

The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal.

2.5 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET

00002381575	APO-ZOLMITRIPTAN RAPID	APX	\$	4.6050
00002428237	JAMP-ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT	JPC	\$	4.6050
00002419513	MINT-ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT	MPI	\$	4.6050
00002387158	MYLAN-ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT	MYP	\$	4.6050
00002324768	PMS-ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT	PMS	\$	4.6050
00002362996	SANDOZ ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT	SDZ	\$	4.6050
00002428474	SEPTA-ZOLMITRIPTAN-ODT	SEP	\$	4.6050
00002342545	TEVA-ZOLMITRIPTAN OD	TEV	\$	4.6050
00002243045	ZOMIG RAPIMELT	AZC	\$	14.1350