

# **Updates to the Alberta Drug Benefit List**

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## 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 July 1, 2014 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
FENTANYL CITRATE 0.05 MG / ML (BASE) INJECTION	FENTANYL CITRATE	00002240434	SDZ
KALYDECO 150 MG TABLET	IVACAFTOR	00002397412	VER

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

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
APO-VORICONAZOLE 50 MG TABLET	VORICONAZOLE	00002409674	APX
APO-VORICONAZOLE 200 MG TABLET	VORICONAZOLE	00002409682	APX
ARANESP (0.5 ML SYRINGE) 50 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002391759	AMG
ARANESP (0.4 ML SYRINGE) 200 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002391805	AMG
JAMP-PIP/TAZ 4 G / VIAL (BASE) / 500 MG / VIAL (BASE) INJECTION	PIPERACILLIN SODIUM/TAZOBACTAM SODIUM	00002420430	JPC
SANDOZ VORICONAZOLE 50 MG TABLET	VORICONAZOLE	00002399245	SDZ
SANDOZ VORICONAZOLE 200 MG TABLET	VORICONAZOLE	00002399253	SDZ

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

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
JAMP-CLOPIDOGREL 75 MG (BASE) TABLET	CLOPIDOGREL BISULFATE	00002415550	JPC

### 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 2.5 MG TABLET	ZOLMITRIPTAN	00002421623	JPC
MAR-ZOLMITRIPTAN 2.5 MG TABLET	ZOLMITRIPTAN	00002399458	MAR
MINT-ZOLMITRIPTAN 2.5 MG TABLET	ZOLMITRIPTAN	00002419521	MPI

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

<b>Trade Name / Strength / Form</b>	<b>Generic Description</b>	<b>DIN</b>	<b>MFR</b>
MINT-ZOLMITRIPTAN ODT 2.5 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET	ZOLMITRIPTAN	00002419513	MPI

**Drug Product(s) with Changes to Criteria for Coverage**

<b>Trade Name / Strength / Form</b>	<b>Generic Description</b>	<b>DIN</b>	<b>MFR</b>
ARANESP (0.4 ML SYRINGE) 10 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002246354	AMG
ARANESP (0.4 ML SYRINGE) 10 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002392313	AMG
ARANESP (0.5 ML SYRINGE) 20 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002246355	AMG
ARANESP (0.5 ML SYRINGE) 20 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002392321	AMG
ARANESP (0.3 ML SYRINGE) 30 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002392348	AMG
ARANESP (0.4 ML SYRINGE) 40 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002391740	AMG
ARANESP (0.4 ML SYRINGE) 80 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002391767	AMG
ARANESP (0.3/ 0.4/ 0.5 ML SYR) 100 MCG / ML INJECTION	DARBEPOETIN	00002246357	AMG
ARANESP (0.5 ML SYRINGE) 100 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002391775	AMG
ARANESP (0.65 ML SYRINGE) 130 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002391783	AMG
ARANESP (0.3/ 0.4/ 0.5/ 0.65 ML SYR) 200 MCG / ML INJECTION	DARBEPOETIN	00002246358	AMG
ARANESP (0.6 ML SYRINGE) 300 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002391821	AMG
ARANESP (0.3/ 0.4/ 0.6/ 1.0 ML SYR) 500 MCG / ML INJECTION	DARBEPOETIN	00002246360	AMG
ARANESP (1.0 ML SYR) 500 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	DARBEPOETIN	00002392364	AMG
EPREX (0.5 ML SYRINGE) 1,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	EPOETIN ALFA	00002231583	JAI

**Drug Product(s) with Changes to Criteria for Coverage, continued**

<b>Trade Name / Strength / Form</b>	<b>Generic Description</b>	<b>DIN</b>	<b>MFR</b>
EPREX (0.5 ML SYRINGE) 2,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	EPOETIN ALFA	00002231584	JAI
EPREX (0.3 ML SYRINGE) 3,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	EPOETIN ALFA	00002231585	JAI
EPREX (0.4 ML SYRINGE) 4,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	EPOETIN ALFA	00002231586	JAI
EPREX (0.5 ML SYRINGE) 5,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	EPOETIN ALFA	00002243400	JAI
EPREX (0.6 ML SYRINGE) 6,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	EPOETIN ALFA	00002243401	JAI
EPREX (0.8 ML SYRINGE) 8,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	EPOETIN ALFA	00002243403	JAI
EPREX (1 ML SYRINGE) 10,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	EPOETIN ALFA	00002231587	JAI
EPREX (0.5 ML SYRINGE) 20,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE	EPOETIN ALFA	00002243239	JAI

**Added Product(s)**

<b>Trade Name / Strength / Form</b>	<b>Generic Description</b>	<b>DIN</b>	<b>MFR</b>
ABBOTT-CITALOPRAM 10 MG (BASE) TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002414570	ABB
ABBOTT-CITALOPRAM 20 MG (BASE) TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002414589	ABB
ABBOTT-CITALOPRAM 40 MG (BASE) TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002414597	ABB
AURO-PRAMIPEXOLE 0.25 MG TABLET	PRAMIPEXOLE DIHYDROCHLORIDE	00002424061	AUR
AURO-PRAMIPEXOLE 1 MG TABLET	PRAMIPEXOLE DIHYDROCHLORIDE	00002424096	AUR
AURO-PRAMIPEXOLE 1.5 MG TABLET	PRAMIPEXOLE DIHYDROCHLORIDE	00002424118	AUR
AURO-REPAGLINIDE 0.5 MG TABLET	REPAGLINIDE	00002424258	AUR

## Added Product(s), continued

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
AURO-REPAGLINIDE 1 MG TABLET	REPAGLINIDE	00002424266	AUR
AURO-REPAGLINIDE 2 MG TABLET	REPAGLINIDE	00002424274	AUR
JAMP-ONDANSETRON (PRESERVATIVE FREE) 2 MG / ML (BASE) INJECTION	ONDANSETRON HCL DIHYDRATE	00002420414	JPC
JAMP-ONDANSETRON (WITH PRESERVATIVE) 2 MG / ML (BASE) INJECTION	ONDANSETRON HCL DIHYDRATE	00002420422	JPC
JAMP-SOTALOL 160 MG TABLET	SOTALOL HCL	00002368625	JPC
JAMP-TOBRAMYCIN 40 MG / ML (BASE) INJECTION	TOBRAMYCIN SULFATE	00002420287	JPC
MAR-CITALOPRAM 10 MG (BASE) TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002371871	MAR
MAR-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE) 1.25 MG CAPSULE/TABLET	RAMIPRIL	00002420457	MAR
MAR-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE) 2.5 MG CAPSULE/TABLET	RAMIPRIL	00002420465	MAR
MAR-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE) 5 MG CAPSULE/TABLET	RAMIPRIL	00002420473	MAR
MAR-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE) 10 MG CAPSULE/TABLET	RAMIPRIL	00002420481	MAR
NAT-CITALOPRAM 20 MG (BASE) TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002409011	NTP
NAT-CITALOPRAM 40 MG (BASE) TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002409038	NTP
SANDOZ CANDESARTAN 32 MG TABLET	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	00002417340	SDZ
TARO-CARBAMAZEPINE 200 MG TABLET	CARBAMAZEPINE	00002407515	TAR

## New Established Interchangeable (IC) Grouping(s)

The following IC Grouping(s) have been established and LCA pricing will be applied effective August 1, 2014.

Generic Description	Strength / Form	New LCA Price
VORICONAZOLE	50 MG ORAL TABLET	3.2147
VORICONAZOLE	200 MG ORAL TABLET	12.8537

## 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 August 1, 2014.

Please review the online Alberta Drug Benefit List at [https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl\\_main1.html](https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl_main1.html) for further information.

Generic Description	Strength / Form	New LCA Price
CLOPIDOGREL BISULFATE	75 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET	0.6575

## Discontinued Listing(s)

Notification of discontinuation has been received from the manufacturers. The Alberta government-sponsored drug programs previously covered the following drug product(s). Effective July 1, 2014, 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 July 31, 2014 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 June 30, 2014, claims will no longer pay for these products.

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFR
NOVO-AZITHROMYCIN 20 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION	AZITHROMYCIN	00002315157	TEV
NOVO-AZITHROMYCIN 40 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION	AZITHROMYCIN	00002315165	TEV
NOVO-DIFLUNISAL FC 250 MG TABLET	DIFLUNISAL	00002048493	TEV
NOVO-ENALAPRIL/HCTZ 5 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	ENALAPRIL MALEATE/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002300222	TEV
NOVO-ENALAPRIL/HCTZ 10 MG / 25 MG TABLET	ENALAPRIL MALEATE/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002300230	TEV
NOVO-FENOFIBRATE MICRONIZED 67 MG CAPSULE	FENOFIBRATE	00002243551	TEV
NOVO-MAPROTILINE 25 MG TABLET	MAPROTILINE HCL	00002158612	TEV
NOVO-MAPROTILINE 50 MG TABLET	MAPROTILINE HCL	00002158620	TEV
NOVO-MAPROTILINE 75 MG TABLET	MAPROTILINE HCL	00002158639	TEV
NOVO-SOTALOL 80 MG TABLET	SOTALOL HCL	00002231181	TEV
NOVO-VALPROIC 250 MG CAPSULE	VALPROIC ACID	00002100630	TEV
ORAP 2 MG TABLET	PIMOZIDE	00000313815	PPH
RAN-FOSINOPRIL 10 MG TABLET	FOSINOPRIL SODIUM	00002294524	RAN
RAN-FOSINOPRIL 20 MG TABLET	FOSINOPRIL SODIUM	00002294532	RAN
RATIO-GENTAMICIN SULFATE 0.1 % (BASE) TOPICAL OINTMENT	GENTAMICIN SULFATE	00000805025	RPH



## **PART 2**

# Drug Additions

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**CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL**

32 MG ORAL TABLET

00002399105	APO-CANDESARTAN	APX	\$	0.2850
00002379295	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	AHI	\$	0.2850
00002376555	CO CANDESARTAN	APH	\$	0.2850
00002386534	JAMP-CANDESARTAN	JPC	\$	0.2850
00002379155	MYLAN-CANDESARTAN	MYP	\$	0.2850
00002391228	PMS-CANDESARTAN	PMS	\$	0.2850
00002380714	RAN-CANDESARTAN	RAN	\$	0.2850
00002392267	SANDOZ CANDESARTAN	SDZ	\$	0.2850
00002417340	SANDOZ CANDESARTAN	SDZ	\$	0.2850
00002366339	TEVA-CANDESARTAN	TEV	\$	0.2850
00002311658	ATACAND	AZC	\$	1.2033

**CARBAMAZEPINE**

200 MG ORAL TABLET

00002407515	TARO-CARBAMAZEPINE	TAR	\$	0.2316
00000782718	TEVA-CARBAMAZ	TEV	\$	0.2316
00000010405	TEGRETOL	NOV	\$	0.3960

**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

20 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002414589	ABBOTT-CITALOPRAM	ABB	\$	0.2397
00002355256	ACCEL-CITALOPRAM	ACP	\$	0.2397
00002246056	APO-CITALOPRAM	APX	\$	0.2397
00002275562	AURO-CITALOPRAM	AUR	\$	0.2397
00002331950	CITALOPRAM	RAN	\$	0.2397
00002353660	CITALOPRAM	SNS	\$	0.2397
00002387956	CITALOPRAM	SIV	\$	0.2397
00002306239	CITALOPRAM-ODAN	ODN	\$	0.2397
00002248050	CO CITALOPRAM	APH	\$	0.2397
00002313405	JAMP-CITALOPRAM	JPC	\$	0.2397
00002371898	MAR-CITALOPRAM	MAR	\$	0.2397
00002304686	MINT-CITALOPRAM	MPI	\$	0.2397
00002246594	MYLAN-CITALOPRAM	MYP	\$	0.2397
00002409011	NAT-CITALOPRAM	NTP	\$	0.2397
00002293218	NOVO-CITALOPRAM	TEV	\$	0.2397
00002248944	PHL-CITALOPRAM	PHH	\$	0.2397
00002248010	PMS-CITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.2397
00002285622	RAN-CITALO	RAN	\$	0.2397
00002252112	RATIO-CITALOPRAM	RPH	\$	0.2397
00002248170	SANDOZ CITALOPRAM	SDZ	\$	0.2397
00002355272	SEPTA-CITALOPRAM	SEP	\$	0.2397
00002239607	CELEXA	LBC	\$	1.3437

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**CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE**

40 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002414597	ABBOTT-CITALOPRAM	ABB	\$	0.2397
00002355264	ACCEL-CITALOPRAM	ACP	\$	0.2397
00002246057	APO-CITALOPRAM	APX	\$	0.2397
00002275570	AURO-CITALOPRAM	AUR	\$	0.2397
00002331977	CITALOPRAM	RAN	\$	0.2397
00002353679	CITALOPRAM	SNS	\$	0.2397
00002387964	CITALOPRAM	SIV	\$	0.2397
00002306247	CITALOPRAM-ODAN	ODN	\$	0.2397
00002248051	CO CITALOPRAM	APH	\$	0.2397
00002313413	JAMP-CITALOPRAM	JPC	\$	0.2397
00002371901	MAR-CITALOPRAM	MAR	\$	0.2397
00002304694	MINT-CITALOPRAM	MPI	\$	0.2397
00002246595	MYLAN-CITALOPRAM	MYP	\$	0.2397
00002409038	NAT-CITALOPRAM	NTP	\$	0.2397
00002293226	NOVO-CITALOPRAM	TEV	\$	0.2397
00002248945	PHL-CITALOPRAM	PHH	\$	0.2397
00002248011	PMS-CITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.2397
00002285630	RAN-CITALO	RAN	\$	0.2397
00002252120	RATIO-CITALOPRAM	RPH	\$	0.2397
00002248171	SANDOZ CITALOPRAM	SDZ	\$	0.2397
00002355280	SEPTA-CITALOPRAM	SEP	\$	0.2397
00002239608	CELEXA	LBC	\$	1.3437

**CLOPIDOGREL BISULFATE**

LIMITED RESTRICTED BENEFIT - This product is a benefit for patients for the prevention of thrombosis, following intravascular stent placement, when prescribed by a Specialist in Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery, Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery, or General Surgery. This benefit is limited to one month of coverage for the first stent placement only. (For eligibility for repeat stents, other indications, or continued coverage up to 12 months following intravascular drug eluting stent (DES) placement refer to Criteria for Special Authorization of Select Drug Products of the List and Criteria for Special Authorization of Select Drug Products of the Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement for Alberta Human Services clients.)

75 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002351536	MYLAN-CLOPIDOGREL	MYP	\$	0.6575
00002412942	ABBOTT-CLOPIDOGREL	ABB	\$	0.6576
00002252767	APO-CLOPIDOGREL	APX	\$	0.6576
00002416387	AURO-CLOPIDOGREL	AUR	\$	0.6576
00002385813	CLOPIDOGREL	SIV	\$	0.6576
00002400553	CLOPIDOGREL	SNS	\$	0.6576
00002303027	CO CLOPIDOGREL	APH	\$	0.6576
00002415550	JAMP-CLOPIDOGREL	JPC	\$	0.6576
00002422255	MAR-CLOPIDOGREL	MAR	\$	0.6576
00002408910	MINT-CLOPIDOGREL	MPI	\$	0.6576
00002348004	PMS-CLOPIDOGREL	PMS	\$	0.6576
00002379813	RAN-CLOPIDOGREL	RAN	\$	0.6576
00002359316	SANDOZ CLOPIDOGREL	SDZ	\$	0.6576
00002293161	TEVA-CLOPIDOGREL	TEV	\$	0.6576
00002238682	PLAVIX	SAV	\$	2.7125

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**ONDANSETRON HCL DIHYDRATE**

<b>2 MG / ML (BASE) INJECTION</b>				
00002420414	JAMP-ONDANSETRON (PRESERVATIVE FREE)	JPC	\$	3.4552
00002265524	ONDANSETRON (PRESERVATIVE FREE)	TEV	\$	3.4552
00002390019	ONDANSETRON (PRESERVATIVE FREE)	MYP	\$	3.4552
00002279428	ONDANSETRON (UNPRESERVED)	SDZ	\$	3.4552
00002213745	ZOFRAN	GSK	\$	10.0201
<b>2 MG / ML (BASE) INJECTION</b>				
00002420422	JAMP-ONDANSETRON (WITH PRESERVATIVE)	JPC	\$	3.4552
00002279436	ONDANSETRON (PRESERVED)	SDZ	\$	3.4552
00002265532	ONDANSETRON (WITH PRESERVATIVE)	TEV	\$	3.4552
00002390051	ONDANSETRON (WITH PRESERVATIVE)	MYP	\$	3.4552
00002274418	ONDANSETRON HYDROCHLORIDE DIHYDRATE (PRESERVED)	SDZ	\$	3.4552

**PRAMIPEXOLE DIHYDROCHLORIDE**

<b>0.25 MG ORAL TABLET</b>				
00002297302	ACT PRAMIPEXOLE	APH	\$	0.2628
00002292378	APO-PRAMIPEXOLE	APX	\$	0.2628
00002424061	AURO-PRAMIPEXOLE	AUR	\$	0.2628
00002376350	MYLAN-PRAMIPEXOLE	MYP	\$	0.2628
00002290111	PMS-PRAMIPEXOLE	PMS	\$	0.2628
00002309122	PRAMIPEXOLE	SIV	\$	0.2628
00002315262	SANDOZ PRAMIPEXOLE	SDZ	\$	0.2628
00002269309	TEVA-PRAMIPEXOLE	TEV	\$	0.2628
00002237145	MIRAPEX	BOE	\$	1.0836
<b>1 MG ORAL TABLET</b>				
00002297329	ACT PRAMIPEXOLE	APH	\$	0.5257
00002292394	APO-PRAMIPEXOLE	APX	\$	0.5257
00002424096	AURO-PRAMIPEXOLE	AUR	\$	0.5257
00002376377	MYLAN-PRAMIPEXOLE	MYP	\$	0.5257
00002290146	PMS-PRAMIPEXOLE	PMS	\$	0.5257
00002309149	PRAMIPEXOLE	SIV	\$	0.5257
00002315289	SANDOZ PRAMIPEXOLE	SDZ	\$	0.5257
00002269325	TEVA-PRAMIPEXOLE	TEV	\$	0.5257
00002237146	MIRAPEX	BOE	\$	2.1672
<b>1.5 MG ORAL TABLET</b>				
00002297337	ACT PRAMIPEXOLE	APH	\$	0.5257
00002292408	APO-PRAMIPEXOLE	APX	\$	0.5257
00002424118	AURO-PRAMIPEXOLE	AUR	\$	0.5257
00002376385	MYLAN-PRAMIPEXOLE	MYP	\$	0.5257
00002290154	PMS-PRAMIPEXOLE	PMS	\$	0.5257
00002309157	PRAMIPEXOLE	SIV	\$	0.5257
00002315297	SANDOZ PRAMIPEXOLE	SDZ	\$	0.5257
00002269333	TEVA-PRAMIPEXOLE	TEV	\$	0.5257
00002237147	MIRAPEX	BOE	\$	2.1672

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## RAMIPRIL

## 1.25 MG ORAL CAPSULE/TABLET

00002251515	APO-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	APX	\$	0.1274
00002387387	AURO-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	AUR	\$	0.1274
00002295482	CO RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	APH	\$	0.1274
00002331101	JAMP-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	JPC	\$	0.1274
00002420457	MAR-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	MAR	\$	0.1274
00002301148	MYLAN-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	MYP	\$	0.1274
00002295369	PMS-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	PMS	\$	0.1274
00002332299	RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	RAN	\$	0.1274
00002310503	RAN-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	RAN	\$	0.1274
00002291398	SANDOZ RAMIPRIL (TABLET)	SDZ	\$	0.1274
00002221829	ALTACE (CAPSULE)	SAV	\$	0.7240

## 2.5 MG ORAL CAPSULE/TABLET

00002251531	APO-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	APX	\$	0.1470
00002387395	AURO-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	AUR	\$	0.1470
00002295490	CO RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	APH	\$	0.1470
00002331128	JAMP-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	JPC	\$	0.1470
00002420465	MAR-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	MAR	\$	0.1470
00002301156	MYLAN-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	MYP	\$	0.1470
00002247917	PMS-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	PMS	\$	0.1470
00002332302	RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	RAN	\$	0.1470
00002374846	RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	SNS	\$	0.1470
00002411563	RAMIPRIL-2.5 (CAPSULE)	SIV	\$	0.1470
00002310511	RAN-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	RAN	\$	0.1470
00002291401	SANDOZ RAMIPRIL (TABLET)	SDZ	\$	0.1470
00002247945	TEVA-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	TEV	\$	0.1470
00002221837	ALTACE (CAPSULE)	SAV	\$	0.8310

## 5 MG ORAL CAPSULE/TABLET

00002251574	APO-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	APX	\$	0.1470
00002387409	AURO-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	AUR	\$	0.1470
00002295504	CO RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	APH	\$	0.1470
00002331136	JAMP-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	JPC	\$	0.1470
00002420473	MAR-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	MAR	\$	0.1470
00002301164	MYLAN-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	MYP	\$	0.1470
00002247918	PMS-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	PMS	\$	0.1470
00002332310	RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	RAN	\$	0.1470
00002374854	RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	SNS	\$	0.1470
00002411571	RAMIPRIL-5 (CAPSULE)	SIV	\$	0.1470
00002310538	RAN-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	RAN	\$	0.1470
00002291428	SANDOZ RAMIPRIL (TABLET)	SDZ	\$	0.1470
00002247946	TEVA-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	TEV	\$	0.1470
00002221845	ALTACE (CAPSULE)	SAV	\$	0.8320

## 10 MG ORAL CAPSULE/TABLET

00002251582	APO-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	APX	\$	0.1862
00002387417	AURO-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	AUR	\$	0.1862
00002295512	CO RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	APH	\$	0.1862
00002331144	JAMP-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	JPC	\$	0.1862
00002420481	MAR-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	MAR	\$	0.1862
00002301172	MYLAN-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	MYP	\$	0.1862
00002247919	PMS-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	PMS	\$	0.1862
00002332329	RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	RAN	\$	0.1862
00002374862	RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	SNS	\$	0.1862
00002411598	RAMIPRIL-10 (CAPSULE)	SIV	\$	0.1862
00002310546	RAN-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	RAN	\$	0.1862
00002291436	SANDOZ RAMIPRIL (TABLET)	SDZ	\$	0.1862
00002247947	TEVA-RAMIPRIL (CAPSULE)	TEV	\$	0.1862
00002221853	ALTACE (CAPSULE)	SAV	\$	1.0553

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**REPAGLINIDE**

0.5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002355663	APO-REPAGLINIDE	APX	\$	0.0996
00002424258	AURO-REPAGLINIDE	AUR	\$	0.0996
00002321475	CO REPAGLINIDE	APH	\$	0.0996
00002354926	PMS-REPAGLINIDE	PMS	\$	0.0996
00002357453	SANDOZ REPAGLINIDE	SDZ	\$	0.0996
00002239924	GLUCONORM	NNA	\$	0.3172

1 MG ORAL TABLET

00002355671	APO-REPAGLINIDE	APX	\$	0.1036
00002424266	AURO-REPAGLINIDE	AUR	\$	0.1036
00002321483	CO REPAGLINIDE	APH	\$	0.1036
00002354934	PMS-REPAGLINIDE	PMS	\$	0.1036
00002357461	SANDOZ REPAGLINIDE	SDZ	\$	0.1036
00002239925	GLUCONORM	NNA	\$	0.3298

2 MG ORAL TABLET

00002355698	APO-REPAGLINIDE	APX	\$	0.1075
00002424274	AURO-REPAGLINIDE	AUR	\$	0.1075
00002321491	CO REPAGLINIDE	APH	\$	0.1075
00002354942	PMS-REPAGLINIDE	PMS	\$	0.1075
00002357488	SANDOZ REPAGLINIDE	SDZ	\$	0.1075
00002239926	GLUCONORM	NNA	\$	0.3426

**SOTALOL HCL**

160 MG ORAL TABLET

00002167794	APO-SOTALOL	APX	\$	0.1623
00002368625	JAMP-SOTALOL	JPC	\$	0.1623
00002229779	MYLAN-SOTALOL	MYP	\$	0.1623
00002238327	PMS-SOTALOL	PMS	\$	0.1623
00002257858	SANDOZ SOTALOL	SDZ	\$	0.1623

**TOBRAMYCIN SULFATE**

40 MG / ML (BASE) INJECTION

00002420287	JAMP-TOBRAMYCIN	JPC	\$	2.7250
00002382814	TOBRAMYCIN USP	MYP	\$	2.7250
00002241210	TOBRAMYCIN	SDZ	\$	3.7070

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE**

**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 TABLET**

00002380951	APO-ZOLMITRIPTAN	APX	\$	4.6050
00002421623	JAMP-ZOLMITRIPTAN	JPC	\$	4.6050
00002399458	MAR-ZOLMITRIPTAN	MAR	\$	4.6050
00002419521	MINT-ZOLMITRIPTAN	MPI	\$	4.6050
00002369036	MYLAN-ZOLMITRIPTAN	MYP	\$	4.6050
00002324229	PMS-ZOLMITRIPTAN	PMS	\$	4.6050
00002362988	SANDOZ ZOLMITRIPTAN	SDZ	\$	4.6050
00002313960	TEVA-ZOLMITRIPTAN	TEV	\$	4.6050
00002238660	ZOMIG	AZC	\$	13.9733

**2.5 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET**

00002381575	APO-ZOLMITRIPTAN RAPID	APX	\$	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
00002342545	TEVA-ZOLMITRIPTAN OD	TEV	\$	4.6050
00002243045	ZOMIG RAPIMELT	AZC	\$	14.1350

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## **PART 3**

# Special Authorization



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

**CLOPIDOGREL BISULFATE**

(Refer to 20:12.18 of the Alberta Drug Benefit List for one month of coverage, following the first intravascular stent placement, when prescribed by a Specialist in Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery, Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery, or General Surgery.)

"For the prevention of thrombosis, for one month, when prescribed following intravascular bare metal stent placement. Patients who have received one month of coverage via the Limited Restricted Benefit will not be eligible for additional coverage under this criterion."\*

"For the prevention of thrombosis, for up to 12 months, when prescribed following intravascular drug eluting stent (DES) placement. Patients who have received one month of coverage via the Limited Restricted Benefit may be eligible for an additional 11 months of coverage (i.e., up to 12 months of coverage) following the submission of a special authorization request."\*\*

"For the prevention of ischemic events (cerebrovascular (e.g. stroke, TIA) or noncerebrovascular) in patients who have experienced an ischemic event while on ASA, or who have a contraindication to ASA. Special authorization for this criterion may be granted for 6 months."\*\*

"Coverage will not be considered when clopidogrel and dipyridamole/ASA are intended for use in combination."

\* Special Authorization for post-stent coverage is required when the prescriber prescribing the medication is not a Specialist in Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery, Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery, or General Surgery; for treatment after repeat stents; or for continued coverage of up to 12 months following intravascular drug eluting stent (DES) placement.

In order to comply with the first and second criteria, information is required regarding the date, type of stent, and stenting procedure. In order to comply with the third criterion, information is required regarding the type of ischemic event experienced while on ASA and, if applicable, information is required as to why ASA cannot be used.

All requests for clopidogrel bisulfate must be completed using the Clopidogrel Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 30786).

\*\* The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal for the third criterion only.

75 MG (BASE)	ORAL TABLET			
<b>00002351536</b>	<b>MYLAN-CLOPIDOGREL</b>	<b>MYP</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.6575</b>
00002412942	ABBOTT-CLOPIDOGREL	ABB	\$	0.6576
00002252767	APO-CLOPIDOGREL	APX	\$	0.6576
00002416387	AURO-CLOPIDOGREL	AUR	\$	0.6576
00002385813	CLOPIDOGREL	SIV	\$	0.6576
00002400553	CLOPIDOGREL	SNS	\$	0.6576
00002303027	CO CLOPIDOGREL	APH	\$	0.6576
00002415550	JAMP-CLOPIDOGREL	JPC	\$	0.6576
00002422255	MAR-CLOPIDOGREL	MAR	\$	0.6576
00002408910	MINT-CLOPIDOGREL	MPI	\$	0.6576
00002348004	PMS-CLOPIDOGREL	PMS	\$	0.6576
00002379813	RAN-CLOPIDOGREL	RAN	\$	0.6576
00002359316	SANDOZ CLOPIDOGREL	SDZ	\$	0.6576
00002293161	TEVA-CLOPIDOGREL	TEV	\$	0.6576
00002238682	PLAVIX	SAV	\$	2.7125

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

**DARBEPOETIN**

"For the treatment of anemia of chronic renal failure in patients with low hemoglobin (<95 g/L and falling). Patients must be iron replete prior to initiation of therapy as indicated by transferrin saturation >20% or serum ferritin >200 mcg/L. Special authorization will be granted for twelve months.

According to current clinical practice, hemoglobin levels should be maintained between 95 g/L to 110 g/L and the dose should be held or reduced when hemoglobin is greater than or equal to 115 g/L. Doses should not exceed 300 mcg per month."

"For the treatment of chemotherapy-induced anemia in patients with non-myeloid malignancies with low hemoglobin (<100 g/L) in whom blood transfusions are not possible due to transfusion reactions, cross-matching difficulties or iron overload. If hemoglobin is rising by more than 20 g/L per month, the dose should be reduced by about 25%. Special authorization will be granted for twelve months."

In order to comply with the first criterion information must be provided regarding the patient's hemoglobin and transferrin saturation or serum ferritin.

In order to comply with the second criterion: if the patient has iron overload the prescriber must state this in the request or alternatively, information is required regarding the patient's transferrin saturation, along with the results of liver function tests if applicable.

For the second criterion, renewal requests may be considered if the patient's hemoglobin is < 110 g/L while on therapy.

The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal for the indication of the treatment of anemia of chronic renal failure.

All requests for darbepoetin must be completed using the Darbepoetin/Epoetin Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60006).

**100 MCG / ML INJECTION**

00002246357 ARANESP (0.3/ 0.4/ 0.5 ML SYR) AMG \$ 268.0000

***For this product - pricing has been established on a per millilitre basis.***

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

**DARBEPOETIN**

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For the second criterion, renewal requests may be considered if the patient's hemoglobin is < 110 g/L while on therapy.

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All requests for darbepoetin must be completed using the Darbepoetin/Epoetin Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60006).

**100 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

00002391775	ARANESP (0.5 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 268.0000
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ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

**DARBEPOETIN**

"For the treatment of anemia of chronic renal failure in patients with low hemoglobin (<95 g/L and falling). Patients must be iron replete prior to initiation of therapy as indicated by transferrin saturation >20% or serum ferritin >200 mcg/L. Special authorization will be granted for twelve months.

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For the second criterion, renewal requests may be considered if the patient's hemoglobin is < 110 g/L while on therapy.

The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal for the indication of the treatment of anemia of chronic renal failure.

All requests for darbepoetin must be completed using the Darbepoetin/Epoetin Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60006).

**200 MCG / ML INJECTION**

00002246358 ARANESP (0.3/ 0.4/ 0.5/ 0.65 ML SYR) AMG \$ 536.0000

***For this product - pricing has been established on a per millilitre basis.***

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

**DARBEPOETIN**

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According to current clinical practice, hemoglobin levels should be maintained between 95 g/L to 110 g/L and the dose should be held or reduced when hemoglobin is greater than or equal to 115 g/L. Doses should not exceed 300 mcg per month."

"For the treatment of chemotherapy-induced anemia in patients with non-myeloid malignancies with low hemoglobin (<100 g/L) in whom blood transfusions are not possible due to transfusion reactions, cross-matching difficulties or iron overload. If hemoglobin is rising by more than 20 g/L per month, the dose should be reduced by about 25%. Special authorization will be granted for twelve months."

In order to comply with the first criterion information must be provided regarding the patient's hemoglobin and transferrin saturation or serum ferritin.

In order to comply with the second criterion: if the patient has iron overload the prescriber must state this in the request or alternatively, information is required regarding the patient's transferrin saturation, along with the results of liver function tests if applicable.

For the second criterion, renewal requests may be considered if the patient's hemoglobin is < 110 g/L while on therapy.

The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal for the indication of the treatment of anemia of chronic renal failure.

All requests for darbepoetin must be completed using the Darbepoetin/Epoetin Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60006).

**500 MCG / ML INJECTION**

00002246360 ARANESP (0.3/ 0.4/ 0.6/ 1.0 ML SYR) AMG \$ 1465.8500

***For this product - pricing has been established on a per millilitre basis.***

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

**DARBEPOETIN**

"For the treatment of anemia of chronic renal failure in patients with low hemoglobin (<95 g/L and falling). Patients must be iron replete prior to initiation of therapy as indicated by transferrin saturation >20% or serum ferritin >200 mcg/L. Special authorization will be granted for twelve months.

According to current clinical practice, hemoglobin levels should be maintained between 95 g/L to 110 g/L and the dose should be held or reduced when hemoglobin is greater than or equal to 115 g/L. Doses should not exceed 300 mcg per month."

"For the treatment of chemotherapy-induced anemia in patients with non-myeloid malignancies with low hemoglobin (<100 g/L) in whom blood transfusions are not possible due to transfusion reactions, cross-matching difficulties or iron overload. If hemoglobin is rising by more than 20 g/L per month, the dose should be reduced by about 25%. Special authorization will be granted for twelve months."

In order to comply with the first criterion information must be provided regarding the patient's hemoglobin and transferrin saturation or serum ferritin.

In order to comply with the second criterion: if the patient has iron overload the prescriber must state this in the request or alternatively, information is required regarding the patient's transferrin saturation, along with the results of liver function tests if applicable.

For the second criterion, renewal requests may be considered if the patient's hemoglobin is < 110 g/L while on therapy.

The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal for the indication of the treatment of anemia of chronic renal failure.

All requests for darbepoetin must be completed using the Darbepoetin/Epoetin Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60006).

**10 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002246354	ARANESP (0.4 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 26.8000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002392313	ARANESP (0.4 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 26.8000

**20 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002246355	ARANESP (0.5 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 53.6000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002392321	ARANESP (0.5 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 53.6000

**30 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

	00002392348	ARANESP (0.3 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 80.4000
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**40 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

	00002391740	ARANESP (0.4 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 107.2000
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**50 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

	00002391759	ARANESP (0.5 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 134.0000
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**80 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

	00002391767	ARANESP (0.4 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 214.4000
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**130 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

	00002391783	ARANESP (0.65 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 348.4000
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**200 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

	00002391805	ARANESP (0.4 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 586.3400
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**300 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

	00002391821	ARANESP (0.6 ML SYRINGE)	AMG	\$ 879.5100
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**500 MCG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

	00002392364	ARANESP (1.0 ML SYR)	AMG	\$ 1465.8500
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**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

**EPOETIN ALFA**

"For the treatment of anemia of chronic renal failure in patients with low hemoglobin (< 95 g/L and falling). Patients must be iron replete prior to initiation of therapy as indicated by transferrin saturation >20% or serum ferritin >200 mcg/L. Special authorization will be granted for twelve months.

According to current clinical practice, hemoglobin levels should be maintained between 95 g/L to 110 g/L and the dose should be held or reduced when hemoglobin is greater than or equal to 115 g/L. Doses should not exceed 60,000 units per month."

"For the treatment of anemia in AZT-treated/HIV infected patients. Special authorization will be granted for twelve months."

"For the treatment of chemotherapy-induced anemia in patients with non-myeloid malignancies with low hemoglobin (<100 g/L) in whom blood transfusions are not possible due to transfusion reactions, cross-matching difficulties or iron overload. If hemoglobin is rising by more than 20 g/L per month, the dose should be reduced by about 25%. Special authorization will be granted for twelve months."

In order to comply with the first criterion information must be provided regarding the patient's hemoglobin and transferrin saturation or serum ferritin.

In order to comply with the third criterion: if the patient has iron overload the prescriber must state this in the request or alternatively, information is required regarding the patient's transferrin saturation, along with the results of liver function tests if applicable.

For the third criterion, renewal requests may be considered if the patient's hemoglobin is < 110 g/L while on therapy.

The following product(s) are eligible for auto-renewal for the indication of treatment of anemia of chronic renal failure.

All requests for epoetin alfa must be completed using the Darbepoetin/Epoetin Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60006).

<b>1,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE</b>			
00002231583	EPREX (0.5 ML SYRINGE)	JAI	\$ 14.2500
<b>2,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE</b>			
00002231584	EPREX (0.5 ML SYRINGE)	JAI	\$ 28.5000
<b>3,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE</b>			
00002231585	EPREX (0.3 ML SYRINGE)	JAI	\$ 42.7500
<b>4,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE</b>			
00002231586	EPREX (0.4 ML SYRINGE)	JAI	\$ 57.0000
<b>5,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE</b>			
00002243400	EPREX (0.5 ML SYRINGE)	JAI	\$ 71.2500
<b>6,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE</b>			
00002243401	EPREX (0.6 ML SYRINGE)	JAI	\$ 85.5000
<b>8,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE</b>			
00002243403	EPREX (0.8 ML SYRINGE)	JAI	\$ 114.0000
<b>10,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE</b>			
00002231587	EPREX (1 ML SYRINGE)	JAI	\$ 142.5000
<b>20,000 UNIT / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE</b>			
00002243239	EPREX (0.5 ML SYRINGE)	JAI	\$ 283.1400

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

**FENTANYL CITRATE**

"For the treatment of persistent, severe chronic pain in those patients who cannot swallow, or who are intolerant of morphine and/or hydromorphone, if not contraindicated. Special authorization may be granted for 6 months."

All requests for fentanyl must be completed using the Fentanyl Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60005).

(Please note: The following fentanyl products are benefits not requiring special authorization for individuals approved by Alberta Health for Palliative Care Drug Coverage. Refer to the Palliative Care Drug Benefit Supplement for additional information on this coverage.)

This product is eligible for auto-renewal.

<b>0.05 MG / ML (BASE)</b>	<b>INJECTION</b>			
00002240434	FENTANYL CITRATE	SDZ	\$	1.9650

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

**IVACAFTOR**

Special authorization coverage may be provided for the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF) in patients age 6 years and older who have a G551D mutation in the Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane conductance Regulator (CFTR) gene.

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a prescriber affiliated with one of the following Alberta Cystic Fibrosis Clinics:

- Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, Adult: Kaye Edmonton Clinic
- Cystic Fibrosis Services - Adult Outpatient: Foothills Medical Centre
- Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, Pediatric: Stollery Children's Hospital
- Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Clinic: Alberta Children's Hospital

Initial coverage may be approved for up to 150mg every 12 hours for 6 months. Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply per prescription at their pharmacy.

**Renewal Criteria**

The sweat chloride test will be repeated at the next routine review appointment after starting ivacaftor to determine whether sweat chloride levels are reducing and to check compliance with the drug regimen. The sweat chloride level will then be re-checked 6 months after starting treatment to determine whether the full reduction (as detailed below) has been achieved. Thereafter sweat chloride levels will be checked annually.

For continued coverage of up to 150mg every 12 hours beyond the initial 6-month authorization, the patient will be considered to have responded to treatment if either:

- a) The patient's sweat chloride test falls below 60mmol/litre; OR
- b) The patient's sweat chloride test falls by at least 30%

In cases where the baseline sweat chloride test is already below 60mmol/litre, the patient will be considered to have responded to treatment if either

- c) The patient's sweat chloride test falls by at least 30%; OR
- d) The patient demonstrates a sustained absolute improvement in FEV1 of at least 5%. In this instance FEV1 will be compared with the baseline pre-treatment level one month and three months after starting treatment.

Following this assessment, continued coverage of up to 150mg every 12 hours may be approved for a period of 12 months. Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply per prescription at their pharmacy.

If the expected reduction in sweat chloride does not occur, the patient's CF clinician will first explore any problems in following the recommended dosing schedule for ivacaftor. The patient's sweat chloride will then be retested around one week later and funding discontinued if the patient does not meet the above criteria.

All requests (including renewal requests) for ivacaftor must be completed using the Ivacaftor Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60004).

**150 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002397412 KALYDECO

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\$ 420.0000

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

**PIPERACILLIN SODIUM/ TAZOBACTAM SODIUM**

For the treatment of:

- 1) "Second-line therapy of intra-abdominal sepsis where there are serious adverse events due to first-line therapy or documented failure of first-line therapy (e.g. ampicillin + gentamicin + metronidazole), as defined by clinical deterioration after 72 h of antibiotic therapy or lack of improvement after completion of antibiotic therapy or
- 2) Second-line therapy of severe polymicrobial skin and skin structure infections (e.g. limb threatening diabetic foot) or
- 3) Therapy of severe ventilator-associated pneumonia where Pseudomonas and Staphylococcus aureus coverage is needed, or
- 4) Therapy for infections involving multi-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa from pulmonary secretions in cystic fibrosis patients, lung transplant patients or patients with bronchiectasis , where there is documented susceptibility to piperacillin/tazobactam sodium, or
- 5) For use in other Health Canada approved indications, in consultation with a specialist in Infectious Diseases."

In order to comply with all of the above criteria, information is required regarding the type of infection and organisms involved. Also, where the criteria restrict coverage of the requested drug to non-first line therapy, information is required regarding previous first-line antibiotic therapy that has been utilized, 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. Also, where applicable, the specialist in Infectious Diseases that recommended this drug is required.

**4 G / VIAL (BASE) \* 500 MG / VIAL (BASE) INJECTION**

<b>00002420430</b>	<b>JAMP-PIP/TAZ</b>	<b>JPC</b>	<b>\$ 12.1100</b>
<b>00002308460</b>	<b>PIPERACILLIN AND TAZOBACTAM</b>	<b>APX</b>	<b>\$ 12.1100</b>
<b>00002362635</b>	<b>PIPERACILLIN AND TAZOBACTAM</b>	<b>STM</b>	<b>\$ 12.1100</b>
<b>00002299658</b>	<b>PIPERACILLIN SODIUM/TAZOBACTAM SODIUM</b>	<b>SDZ</b>	<b>\$ 12.1100</b>
<b>00002370174</b>	<b>PIPERACILLIN/TAZOBACTAM</b>	<b>TEV</b>	<b>\$ 12.1100</b>
<b>00002391546</b>	<b>PIPERACILLIN/TAZOBACTAM</b>	<b>MYP</b>	<b>\$ 12.1100</b>
<b>00002170809</b>	<b>TAZOCIN</b>	<b>PFI</b>	<b>\$ 23.8450</b>

**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**

<b>00002409674</b>	<b>APO-VORICONAZOLE</b>	<b>APX</b>	<b>\$ 3.2147</b>
<b>00002399245</b>	<b>SANDOZ VORICONAZOLE</b>	<b>SDZ</b>	<b>\$ 3.2148</b>
<b>00002256460</b>	<b>VFEND</b>	<b>PFI</b>	<b>\$ 12.7830</b>

**200 MG ORAL TABLET**

<b>00002409682</b>	<b>APO-VORICONAZOLE</b>	<b>APX</b>	<b>\$ 12.8537</b>
<b>00002399253</b>	<b>SANDOZ VORICONAZOLE</b>	<b>SDZ</b>	<b>\$ 12.8537</b>
<b>00002256479</b>	<b>VFEND</b>	<b>PFI</b>	<b>\$ 51.1109</b>

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

**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 TABLET**

00002380951	APO-ZOLMITRIPTAN	APX	\$	4.6050
00002421623	JAMP-ZOLMITRIPTAN	JPC	\$	4.6050
00002399458	MAR-ZOLMITRIPTAN	MAR	\$	4.6050
00002419521	MINT-ZOLMITRIPTAN	MPI	\$	4.6050
00002369036	MYLAN-ZOLMITRIPTAN	MYP	\$	4.6050
00002324229	PMS-ZOLMITRIPTAN	PMS	\$	4.6050
00002362988	SANDOZ ZOLMITRIPTAN	SDZ	\$	4.6050
00002313960	TEVA-ZOLMITRIPTAN	TEV	\$	4.6050
00002238660	ZOMIG	AZC	\$	13.9733

**2.5 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET**

00002381575	APO-ZOLMITRIPTAN RAPID	APX	\$	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
00002342545	TEVA-ZOLMITRIPTAN OD	TEV	\$	4.6050
00002243045	ZOMIG RAPIMELT	AZC	\$	14.1350