

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.

New Drug Product(s) Available by Special Authorization

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ACTEMRA (0.9 ML AUTO INJECTOR) 162 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	TOCILIZUMAB	00002483327	HLR

Additional Brand(s) and/or Strength(s) Drug Product(s) Available by Step Therapy / Special Authorization

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
PMS-FLUTICASONE / SALMETEROL DPI 50 MCG / DOSE / 100 MCG / DOSE METERED INHALATION POWDER	SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	00002494507	PMS
PMS-FLUTICASONE / SALMETEROL DPI 50 MCG / DOSE / 250 MCG / DOSE METERED INHALATION POWDER	SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	00002494515	PMS
PMS-FLUTICASONE / SALMETEROL DPI 50 MCG / DOSE / 500 MCG / DOSE METERED INHALATION POWDER	SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	00002494523	PMS
WIXELA INHUB 50 MCG / DOSE / 100 MCG / DOSE METERED INHALATION POWDER	SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	00002495597	MYP
WIXELA INHUB 50 MCG / DOSE / 250 MCG / DOSE METERED INHALATION POWDER	SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	00002495600	MYP
WIXELA INHUB 50 MCG / DOSE / 500 MCG / DOSE METERED INHALATION POWDER	SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	00002495619	MYP

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

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
JAMP ZOLMITRIPTAN 2.5 MG TABLET	ZOLMITRIPTAN	00002477106	JPC

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

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
JAMP-FEBUXOSTAT 80 MG TABLET	FEBUXOSTAT	00002490870	JPC
JAMP-LACOSAMIDE 50 MG TABLET	LACOSAMIDE	00002488388	JPC
JAMP-LACOSAMIDE 100 MG TABLET	LACOSAMIDE	00002488396	JPC

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

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
JAMP-LACOSAMIDE 150 MG TABLET	LACOSAMIDE	00002488418	JPC
JAMP-LACOSAMIDE 200 MG TABLET	LACOSAMIDE	00002488426	JPC

Drug Product(s) with Changes to Criteria for Coverage

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ACTEMRA (4 ML) 80 MG / VIAL INJECTION	TOCILIZUMAB	00002350092	HLR
ACTEMRA (0.9 ML SYRINGE) 162 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	TOCILIZUMAB	00002424770	HLR
ACTEMRA (10 ML) 200 MG / VIAL INJECTION	TOCILIZUMAB	00002350106	HLR
ACTEMRA (20 ML) 400 MG / VIAL INJECTION	TOCILIZUMAB	00002350114	HLR

Restricted Benefit(s)

New Drug Product(s) Available by Restricted Benefit

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
TRIAMCINOLONE HEXACETONIDE 20 MG / ML SUSPENSION INJECTION	TRIAMCINOLONE HEXACETONIDE	00002470632	MDX

Additional Brand(s) and/or Strength(s) of Drug Product(s) Available by Restricted Benefit

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ACCEL-ENTECAVIR 0.5 MG TABLET	ENTECAVIR	00002479907	ACP
MINT-ENTECAVIR 0.5 MG TABLET	ENTECAVIR	00002485907	MPI

Added Product(s)

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ACH-PRAVASTATIN 10 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	00002440644	AHI
ACH-PRAVASTATIN 20 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	00002440652	AHI
ACH-PRAVASTATIN 40 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	00002440660	AHI
ACT VENLAFAXINE XR 37.5 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAP	VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	00002304317	TEV
ACT VENLAFAXINE XR 150 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	00002304333	TEV
HYDROMORPHONE HP 50 MG / ML INJECTION	HYDROMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDE	00002146126	SDZ

Added Product(s), continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
JAMP HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE 200 MG TABLET	HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE	00002491427	JPC
JAMP-LATANOPROST 0.005% OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION	LATANOPROST	00002453355	JPC
JAMP-LATANOPROST / TIMOLOL 0.005% / 0.5% OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION	LATANOPROST/ TIMOLOL MALEATE	00002453770	JPC
KETOROLAC TROMETHAMINE 30 MG / ML INJECTION	KETOROLAC TROMETHAMINE	00002239944	SDZ
MAR-ACARBOSE 100 MG TABLET	ACARBOSE	00002494086	MAR
MAR-ACARBOSE 50 MG TABLET	ACARBOSE	00002494078	MAR
MINT-ATORVASTATIN 10 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002479508	MPI
MINT-ATORVASTATIN 20 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002479516	MPI
MINT-ATORVASTATIN 40 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002479524	MPI
MINT-ONDANSETRON ODT 4 MG ORAL DISINT. TABLET	ONDANSETRON	00002487330	MPI
MINT-ONDANSETRON ODT 8 MG ORAL DISINT. TABLET	ONDANSETRON	00002487349	MPI
RAN-CLARITHROMYCIN 500 MG TABLET	CLARITHROMYCIN	00002361434	RAN
TRI-JORDYNA (28 DAY) 0.18 MG / 0.035 MG / 0.215 MG / 0.035 MG / 0.25 MG / 0.035 MG TABLET	NORGESTIMATE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL/ NORGESTIMATE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL/ NORGESTIMATE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL	00002486318	GLM

New Established Interchangeable (IC) Grouping(s)

The following IC Grouping(s) have been established and LCA pricing will be applied effective June 1, 2020.

<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>Strength / Form</u>	<u>New LCA Price</u>
ACARBOSE	50 MG TABLET	0.2021
ACARBOSE	100 MG TABLET	0.2799
NORGESTIMATE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL/ NORGESTIMATE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL/ NORGESTIMATE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL	0.18 MG / 0.035 MG / 0.215 MG / 0.035 MG / 0.25 MG / 0.035 MG TABLET	0.7709
SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	50 MCG / DOSE / 100 MCG / DOSE METERED INHALATION POWDER	0.7068
SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	50 MCG / DOSE / 250 MCG / DOSE METERED INHALATION POWDER	0.8460

New Established Interchangeable (IC) Grouping(s), continued

<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>Strength / Form</u>	<u>New LCA Price</u>
SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	50 MCG / DOSE / 500 MCG / DOSE METERED INHALATION POWDER	1.2010

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 increase, will be effective June 1, 2020.

Please review the online [Interactive Drug Benefit List](#) for further information.

<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>Strength / Form</u>	<u>New LCA Price</u>
CLARITHROMYCIN	500 MG TABLET	0.8318
FEBUXOSTAT	80 MG TABLET	0.7950
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE	200 MG TABLET	0.1576
METHYLPHENIDATE HCL	20 MG TABLET	0.2735

Product(s) with a Price Change

The following product(s) had a Price Change. The previous higher price will be recognized until May 31, 2020. For products within an established IC Grouping, the LCA price may apply.

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ACCUPRIL 5 MG TABLET	QUINAPRIL	00001947664	PFI
ACCUPRIL 10 MG TABLET	QUINAPRIL	00001947672	PFI
ACCUPRIL 20 MG TABLET	QUINAPRIL	00001947680	PFI
ACCUPRIL 40 MG TABLET	QUINAPRIL	00001947699	PFI
ACCURETIC 10 / 12.5 MG TABLET	QUINAPRIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002237367	PFI
ACCURETIC 20 / 12.5 MG TABLET	QUINAPRIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002237368	PFI
ACCURETIC 20 / 25 MG TABLET	QUINAPRIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002237369	PFI
ACLASTA 5 MG / 100 ML INJECTION	ZOLEDRONIC ACID	00002269198	NOV
ALESSE (21 DAY) 100 MCG / 20 MCG TABLET	LEVONORGESTREL/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL	00002236974	PFI
ALESSE (28 DAY) 100 MCG / 20 MCG TABLET	LEVONORGESTREL/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL	00002236975	PFI
APO-HYDROXYQUINE 200 MG TABLET	HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE	00002246691	APX

Product(s) with a Price Change, continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ARTHROTEC-50 50 MCG / 200 MCG ENTERIC-COATED TABLET	DICLOFENAC SODIUM/ MISOPROSTOL	00001917056	PFI
ARTHROTEC-75 75 MCG / 200 MCG ENTERIC-COATED TABLET	DICLOFENAC SODIUM/ MISOPROSTOL	00002229837	PFI
ATIVAN 0.5 MG SUBLINGUAL TABLET	LORAZEPAM	00002041456	PFI
ATIVAN 0.5 MG TABLET	LORAZEPAM	00002041413	PFI
ATIVAN 1 MG SUBLINGUAL TABLET	LORAZEPAM	00002041464	PFI
ATIVAN 1 MG TABLET	LORAZEPAM	00002041421	PFI
ATIVAN 2 MG SUBLINGUAL TABLET	LORAZEPAM	00002041472	PFI
ATIVAN 2 MG TABLET	LORAZEPAM	00002041448	PFI
AUBAGIO 14 MG TABLET	TERIFLUNOMIDE	00002416328	GZM
BASAGLAR CARTRIDGE 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN GLARGINE	00002444844	LIL
BASAGLAR KWIKPEN (80 UNIT) 100 UNIT / INJECTION	INSULIN GLARGINE	00002461528	LIL
CALCIMAR 200 IU / ML INJECTION	SYNTHETIC CALCITONIN SALMON (SALCATONIN)	00001926691	SAV
CELEBREX 100 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002239941	PFI
CELEBREX 200 MG CAPSULE	CELECOXIB	00002239942	PFI
CHAMPIX 0.5 MG TABLET	VARENICLINE TARTRATE	00002291177	PFI
CHAMPIX (STARTER PACK) 0.5 MG / 1 MG TABLET	VARENICLINE TARTRATE/ VARENICLINE TARTRATE	00002298309	PFI
CHAMPIX 1 MG TABLET	VARENICLINE TARTRATE	00002291185	PFI
COLESTID 1 G TABLET	COLESTIPOL HCL	00002132680	PFI
COMTAN 200 MG TABLET	ENTACAPONE	00002243763	NOV
CORTEF 10 MG TABLET	HYDROCORTISONE	00000030910	PFI
CORTEF 20 MG TABLET	HYDROCORTISONE	00000030929	PFI
COSENTYX 150 MG / ML INJECTION	SECUKINUMAB	00002438070	NOV
CYCLOMEN 50 MG CAPSULE	DANAZOL	00002018144	SAV
CYCLOMEN 100 MG CAPSULE	DANAZOL	00002018152	SAV
CYCLOMEN 200 MG CAPSULE	DANAZOL	00002018160	SAV
DALACIN C PALMITATE 15 MG / ML ORAL SOLUTION	CLINDAMYCIN PALMITATE HCL	00000225851	PFI
DEFEROXAMINE MESYLATE 500 MG / VIAL INJECTION	DEFEROXAMINE MESYLATE	00002241600	PFI

Product(s) with a Price Change, continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
DEFEROXAMINE MESYLATE 2 G / VIAL INJECTION	DEFEROXAMINE MESYLATE	00002247022	PFI
DEPO-PROVERA 150 MG / ML INJECTION	MEDROXYPROGESTERONE ACETATE	00000585092	PFI
DEPO-TESTOSTERONE CYPIONATE 100 MG / ML INJECTION	TESTOSTERONE CYPIONATE	00000030783	PFI
DEFERAL 500 MG / VIAL INJECTION	DEFEROXAMINE MESYLATE	00001981242	NOV
DETROL LA 2 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	TOLTERODINE L-TARTRATE	00002244612	PFI
DETROL LA 4 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	TOLTERODINE L-TARTRATE	00002244613	PFI
DILANTIN 30 MG CAPSULE	PHENYTOIN SODIUM	00000022772	PFI
DILANTIN 100 MG CAPSULE	PHENYTOIN SODIUM	00000022780	PFI
DILANTIN INFATABS 50 MG CHEWABLE TABLET	PHENYTOIN	00000023698	PFI
DILANTIN-30 6 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION	PHENYTOIN	00000023442	PFI
DILANTIN-125 25 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION	PHENYTOIN	00000023450	PFI
DIOVAN 80 MG TABLET	VALSARTAN	00002244781	NOV
DIOVAN 160 MG TABLET	VALSARTAN	00002244782	NOV
DIOVAN 320 MG TABLET	VALSARTAN	00002289504	NOV
DIOVAN-HCT 80 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	VALSARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002241900	NOV
DIOVAN-HCT 160 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	VALSARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002241901	NOV
DIOVAN-HCT 160 MG / 25 MG TABLET	VALSARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002246955	NOV
DIOVAN-HCT 320 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	VALSARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002308908	NOV
DIOVAN-HCT 320 MG / 25 MG TABLET	VALSARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002308916	NOV
EFFEXOR XR 37.5 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	VENLAFAXINE HCL	00002237279	PFI
EFFEXOR XR 75 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	VENLAFAXINE HCL	00002237280	PFI
EFFEXOR XR 150 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	VENLAFAXINE HCL	00002237282	PFI
ENTRESTO 24.3 MG / 25.7 MG TABLET	SACUBITRIL/ VALSARTAN	00002446928	NOV
ENTRESTO 48.6 MG / 51.4 MG TABLET	SACUBITRIL/ VALSARTAN	00002446936	NOV

Product(s) with a Price Change, continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ENTRESTO 97.2 MG / 102.8 MG TABLET	SACUBITRIL/ VALSARTAN	00002446944	NOV
ERYC 333 MG CAPSULE (ENTERIC-COATED PELLETT)	ERYTHROMYCIN	00000873454	PFI
ESTALIS (2.7 / .62 MG / PTH) 140 MCG / DAY / 50 MCG / DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH	NORETHINDRONE ACETATE/ ESTRADIOL-17B	00002241835	NOV
ESTALIS (4.8 / .51 MG / PTH) 250 MCG / DAY / 50 MCG / DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH	NORETHINDRONE ACETATE/ ESTRADIOL-17B	00002241837	NOV
ESTRADOT 25 (0.39 MG / PTH) 25 MCG / DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH	ESTRADIOL-17B	00002245676	NOV
ESTRADOT 37.5 (0.585 MG / PTH) 37.5 MCG / DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH	ESTRADIOL-17B	00002243999	NOV
ESTRADOT 50 (0.78 MG / PTH) 50 MCG / DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH	ESTRADIOL-17B	00002244000	NOV
ESTRADOT 75 (1.17 MG / PTH) 75 MCG / DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH	ESTRADIOL-17B	00002244001	NOV
ESTRADOT 100 (1.56 MG / PTH) 100 MCG / DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH	ESTRADIOL-17B	00002244002	NOV
EXELON 1.5 MG CAPSULE	RIVASTIGMINE HYDROGEN TARTRATE	00002242115	NOV
EXELON 2 MG / ML ORAL SOLUTION	RIVASTIGMINE HYDROGEN TARTRATE	00002245240	NOV
EXELON 3 MG CAPSULE	RIVASTIGMINE HYDROGEN TARTRATE	00002242116	NOV
EXELON 4.5 MG CAPSULE	RIVASTIGMINE HYDROGEN TARTRATE	00002242117	NOV
EXELON 6 MG CAPSULE	RIVASTIGMINE HYDROGEN TARTRATE	00002242118	NOV
EXJADE 125 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET FOR SUSPENSION	DEFERASIROX	00002287420	NOV
EXJADE 250 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET FOR SUSPENSION	DEFERASIROX	00002287439	NOV
EXJADE 500 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET FOR SUSPENSION	DEFERASIROX	00002287447	NOV
FLAGYL 10% VAGINAL CREAM	METRONIDAZOLE	00001926861	SAV
FLAGYSTATIN500 MG / 100, 000 UNIT VAGINAL OVULE	METRONIDAZOLE/ NYSTATIN	00001926829	SAV
FLURBIPROFEN 50 MG TABLET	FLURBIPROFEN	00001912046	AAP
FORADIL 12 MCG INHALATION CAPSULE	FORMOTEROL FUMARATE	00002230898	NOV
FRAGMIN (0.2 ML SYRINGE) 2,500 IU / SYRINGE INJECTION	DALTEPARIN SODIUM	00002132621	PFI
FRAGMIN (0.28 ML SYRINGE) 3,500 IU / SYRINGE INJECTION	DALTEPARIN SODIUM	00002430789	PFI

Product(s) with a Price Change, continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
FRAGMIN (0.2 ML SYRINGE) 5,000 IU / SYRINGE INJECTION	DALTEPARIN SODIUM	00002132648	PFI
FRAGMIN (0.3 ML SYRINGE) 7,500 IU / SYRINGE INJECTION	DALTEPARIN SODIUM	00002352648	PFI
FRAGMIN (0.4 ML SYRINGE) 10,000 IU / SYRINGE INJECTION	DALTEPARIN SODIUM	00002352656	PFI
FRAGMIN 10,000 IU / ML INJECTION	DALTEPARIN SODIUM	00002132664	PFI
FRAGMIN (0.5 ML SYRINGE) 12,500 IU / SYRINGE INJECTION	DALTEPARIN SODIUM	00002352664	PFI
FRAGMIN (0.6 ML SYRINGE) 15,000 IU / SYRINGE INJECTION	DALTEPARIN SODIUM	00002352672	PFI
FRAGMIN (0.72 ML SYRINGE) 18,000 IU / SYRINGE INJECTION	DALTEPARIN SODIUM	00002352680	PFI
FRAGMIN 25,000 IU / ML INJECTION	DALTEPARIN SODIUM	00002231171	PFI
HUMALOG 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO	00002229704	LIL
HUMALOG CARTRIDGE 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO	00002229705	LIL
HUMALOG KWIKPEN 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO	00002403412	LIL
HUMALOG KWIKPEN 200 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO	00002439611	LIL
HUMALOG MIX 25 CARTRIDGE 25% / 75% INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO/ INSULIN LISPRO PROTAMINE	00002240294	LIL
HUMALOG MIX 25 KWIKPEN 25% / 75% INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO/ INSULIN LISPRO PROTAMINE	00002403420	LIL
HUMALOG MIX 50 CARTRIDGE 50% / 50% INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO/ INSULIN LISPRO PROTAMINE	00002240297	LIL
HUMALOG MIX 50 KWIKPEN 50% / 50% INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO/ INSULIN LISPRO PROTAMINE	00002403439	LIL
HUMULIN 30 / 70 30 UNIT / ML / 70 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)/ INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00000795879	LIL
HUMULIN 30 / 70 CARTRIDGE 30 UNIT / ML / 70 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)/ INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00001959212	LIL
HUMULIN N 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00000587737	LIL
HUMULIN N CARTRIDGE 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00001959239	LIL
HUMULIN N KWIKPEN 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00002403447	LIL

Product(s) with a Price Change, continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
HUMULIN R 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)	00000586714	LIL
HUMULIN R CARTRIDGE 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)	00001959220	LIL
IMOVANE 5 MG TABLET	ZOPICLONE	00002216167	SAV
IMOVANE 7.5 MG TABLET	ZOPICLONE	00001926799	SAV
INSPIRA 25 MG TABLET	EPLERENONE	00002323052	PFI
INSPIRA 50 MG TABLET	EPLERENONE	00002323060	PFI
IOPIDINE 0.5% OPH SOLUTION	APRACLONIDINE HCL	00002076306	NOV
ISOPTO CARPINE 2% OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION	PILOCARPINE HCL	00000000868	NOV
ISOPTO CARPINE 4% OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION	PILOCARPINE HCL	00000000884	NOV
JADENU 90 MG TABLET	DEFERASIROX	00002452219	NOV
JADENU 180 MG TABLET	DEFERASIROX	00002452227	NOV
JADENU 360 MG TABLET	DEFERASIROX	00002452235	NOV
KEVZARA (PRE-FILLED PEN) 150 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	SARILUMAB	00002472961	SAV
KEVZARA 150 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	SARILUMAB	00002460521	SAV
KEVZARA (PRE-FILLED PEN) 200 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	SARILUMAB	00002472988	SAV
KEVZARA 200 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	SARILUMAB	00002460548	SAV
LAMISIL 1% TOPICAL CREAM	TERBINAFINE HCL	00002031094	NOV
LAMISIL 1% TOPICAL SPRAY SOLUTION	TERBINAFINE HCL	00002238703	NOV
LAMISIL 250 MG TABLET	TERBINAFINE HCL	00002031116	NOV
LASIX 10 MG / ML ORAL SOLUTION	FUROSEMIDE	00002224720	SAV
LASIX SPECIAL 500 MG TABLET	FUROSEMIDE	00002224755	SAV
LESCOL XL 80 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET	FLUVASTATIN SODIUM	00002250527	NOV
LEVEMIR CARTRIDGE 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN DETEMIR	00002271842	NNA
LEVEMIR FLEXTOUCH 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN DETEMIR	00002412829	NNA
LIORESAL INTRATHECAL 0.05 MG / ML INJECTION	BACLOFEN	00002131048	NOV
LIORESAL INTRATHECAL 0.5 MG / ML INJECTION	BACLOFEN	00002131056	NOV

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<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
LIORESAL INTRATHECAL 2 MG / ML INJECTION	BACLOFEN	00002131064	NOV
LIPITOR 10 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002230711	PFI
LIPITOR 20 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002230713	PFI
LIPITOR 40 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002230714	PFI
LIPITOR 80 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002243097	PFI
LOMOTIL TABLET	DIPHENOXYLATE HCL/ ATROPINE SULFATE	00000036323	PFI
LONITEN 2.5 MG TABLET	MINOXIDIL	00000514497	PFI
LONITEN 10 MG TABLET	MINOXIDIL	00000514500	PFI
LOPRESOR SR 100 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET	METOPROLOL TARTRATE	00000658855	NOV
LOPRESOR SR 200 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET	METOPROLOL TARTRATE	00000534560	NOV
MAR-FEBUXOSTAT 80 MG TABLET	FEBUXOSTAT	00002473607	MAR
MINT-HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE 200 MG TABLET	HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE	00002424991	MYP
NALCROM 100 MG CAPSULE	SODIUM CROMOGLYCATE	00000500895	SAV
NEO-MEDROL ACNE TOPICAL LOTION	METHYLPREDNISOLONE ACETATE/ NEOMYCIN SULFATE/ ALUMINUM CHLORHYDROXIDE COMPLEX/ SULFUR	00000195057	PFI
NEORAL 10 MG CAPSULE	CYCLOSPORINE	00002237671	NOV
NEORAL 25 MG CAPSULE	CYCLOSPORINE	00002150689	NOV
NEORAL 50 MG CAPSULE	CYCLOSPORINE	00002150662	NOV
NEORAL 100 MG CAPSULE	CYCLOSPORINE	00002150670	NOV
NEORAL 100 MG / ML ORAL SOLUTION	CYCLOSPORINE	00002150697	NOV
NEURONTIN 100 MG CAPSULE	GABAPENTIN	00002084260	PFI
NEURONTIN 300 MG CAPSULE	GABAPENTIN	00002084279	PFI
NEURONTIN 400 MG CAPSULE	GABAPENTIN	00002084287	PFI
NITROSTAT 0.3 MG SUBLINGUAL TABLET	NITROGLYCERIN	00000037613	PFI
NITROSTAT 0.6 MG SUBLINGUAL TABLET	NITROGLYCERIN	00000037621	PFI
NORVASC 5 MG TABLET	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	00000878928	PFI
NORVASC 10 MG TABLET	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	00000878936	PFI

Product(s) with a Price Change, continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
NOVOLIN GE 30 / 70 30 UNIT / ML / 70 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)/ INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00002024217	NNA
NOVOLIN GE 30 / 70 CARTRIDGE 30 UNIT / ML / 70 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)/ INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00002025248	NNA
NOVOLIN GE 40 / 60 40 UNIT / ML / 60 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)/ INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00002024314	NNA
NOVOLIN GE 50 / 50 CARTRIDGE 50 UNIT / ML / 50 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)/ INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00002024322	NNA
NOVOLIN GE NPH 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00002024225	NNA
NOVOLIN GE NPH CARTRIDGE 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)	00002024268	NNA
NOVOLIN GE TORONTO 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)	00002024233	NNA
NOVOLIN GE TORONTO CARTRIDGE 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)	00002024284	NNA
NOVORAPID 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN ASPART	00002245397	NNA
NOVORAPID CARTRIDGE 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN ASPART	00002244353	NNA
NOVORAPID FLEXTOUCH 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN ASPART	00002377209	NNA
NOZINAN 25 MG / ML INJECTION	METHOTRIMEPRAZINE HCL	00001927698	SAV
PEDIAPRED 1 MG / ML ORAL LIQUID	PREDNISOLONE SODIUM PHOSPHATE	00002230619	SAV
PMS-CLARITHROMYCIN 500 MG TABLET	CLARITHROMYCIN	00002247574	PMS
PREMARIN 0.3 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET	CONJUGATED ESTROGENS	00002414678	PFI
PREMARIN 0.625 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET	CONJUGATED ESTROGENS	00002414686	PFI
PREMARIN 0.625 MG / G VAGINAL CREAM	CONJUGATED ESTROGENS	00002043440	PFI
PREMARIN 1.25 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET	CONJUGATED ESTROGENS	00002414694	PFI
PRIMAQUINE PHOSPHATE 15 MG TABLET	PRIMAQUINE PHOSPHATE	00002017776	SAV
RESONIUM CALCIUM 300 G ORAL POWDER	CALCIUM POLYSTYRENE SULPHONATE	00002017741	SAV

Product(s) with a Price Change, continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
RITALIN 10 MG TABLET	METHYLPHENIDATE HCL	0000005606	NOV
RITALIN SR 20 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET	METHYLPHENIDATE HCL	0000632775	NOV
RYTHMODAN 100 MG CAPSULE	DISOPYRAMIDE	00002224801	SAV
SALAGEN 5 MG TABLET	PILOCARPINE HCL	00002216345	PFI
SANDOZ CLARITHROMYCIN 500 MG TABLET	CLARITHROMYCIN	00002266547	SDZ
SODIUM CHLORIDE 9 MG / ML INJECTION	SODIUM CHLORIDE	00000037796	PFI
SOFRACORT OTIC OPH SOLUTION	DEXAMETHASONE/ FRAMYCETIN SULFATE/ GRAMICIDIN	00002224623	SAV
SOLU-CORTEF 100 MG / VIAL INJECTION	HYDROCORTISONE SODIUM SUCCINATE	00000030600	PFI
SOLU-CORTEF 250 MG / VIAL INJECTION	HYDROCORTISONE SODIUM SUCCINATE	00000030619	PFI
SOLU-CORTEF 500 MG / VIAL INJECTION	HYDROCORTISONE SODIUM SUCCINATE	00000030627	PFI
SOLU-MEDROL 1 G / VIAL INJECTION	METHYLPREDNISOLONE SODIUM SUCCINATE	00000036137	PFI
SOLU-MEDROL 500 MG / VIAL INJECTION	METHYLPREDNISOLONE SODIUM SUCCINATE	00000030678	PFI
SOLU-MEDROL ACT-O-VIAL (PRESERVATIVE-FREE) 40 MG / VIAL INJ	METHYLPREDNISOLONE SODIUM SUCCINATE	00002367947	PFI
SOLU-MEDROL ACT-O-VIAL (PRESERVATIVE-FREE) 125 MG / VIAL INJECTION	METHYLPREDNISOLONE SODIUM SUCCINATE	00002367955	PFI
SOLU-MEDROL ACT-O-VIAL (PRESERVATIVE-FREE) 500 MG / VIAL INJECTION	METHYLPREDNISOLONE SODIUM SUCCINATE	00002367963	PFI
SOLU-MEDROL ACT-O-VIAL (PRESERVATIVE-FREE) 1 G / VIAL INJECTION	METHYLPREDNISOLONE SODIUM SUCCINATE	00002367971	PFI
SYNAREL 2 MG / ML NASAL SOLUTION	NAFARELIN ACETATE	00002188783	PFI
SYNPHASIC (21 DAY) 0.5 MG / 0.035 MG / 1 MG / 0.035 MG TABLET	NORETHINDRONE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL/ NORETHINDRONE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL	00002187108	PFI
SYNPHASIC (28 DAY) 0.5 MG / 0.035 MG / 1 MG / 0.035 MG TABLET	NORETHINDRONE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL/ NORETHINDRONE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL	00002187116	PFI
TALWIN 50 MG TABLET	PENTAZOCINE HCL	00002137984	SAV
TEGRETOL 20 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION	CARBAMAZEPINE	00002194333	NOV
TEGRETOL 200 MG TABLET	CARBAMAZEPINE	00000010405	NOV

Product(s) with a Price Change, continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
TEGRETOL CR 200 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET	CARBAMAZEPINE	00000773611	NOV
TEGRETOL CR 400 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET	CARBAMAZEPINE	00000755583	NOV
TEVA-CLARITHROMYCIN 500 MG TABLET	CLARITHROMYCIN	00002248805	TEV
THYROGEN 0.9 MG / VIAL INJECTION	THYROTROPIN ALFA	00002246016	GZM
TRANSDERM-NITRO 0.2 MG / HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH	NITROGLYCERIN	00000584223	NOV
TRANSDERM-NITRO 0.4 MG / HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH	NITROGLYCERIN	00000852384	NOV
TEGRETOL CR 200 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET	CARBAMAZEPINE	00000773611	NOV
TRANSDERM-NITRO 0.6 MG / HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH	NITROGLYCERIN	00002046156	NOV
TRESIBA FLEXTOUCH PEN 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN DEGLUDEC	00002467879	NNA
TRESIBA FLEXTOUCH PEN 200 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN DEGLUDEC	00002467887	NNA
VOLTAREN 50 MG RECTAL SUPPOSITORY	DICLOFENAC SODIUM	00000632724	NOV
XALACOM 0.005% / 0.5% OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION	LATANOPROST/ TIMOLOL MALEATE	00002246619	PFI
XALATAN 0.005% OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION	LATANOPROST	00002231493	PFI
XELJANZ 5 MG TABLET	TOFACITINIB CITRATE	00002423898	PFI
XELJANZ XR 11 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET	TOFACITINIB CITRATE	00002470608	PFI
XOLAIR 150 MG VIAL INJECTION	OMALIZUMAB	00002260565	NOV
ZAROXOLYN 2.5 MG TABLET	METOLAZONE	00000888400	SAV
ZELDOX 20 MG CAPSULE	ZIPRASIDONE HYDROCHLORIDE MONOHYDRATE	00002298597	PFI
ZELDOX 40 MG CAPSULE	ZIPRASIDONE HYDROCHLORIDE MONOHYDRATE	00002298600	PFI
ZELDOX 60 MG CAPSULE	ZIPRASIDONE HYDROCHLORIDE MONOHYDRATE	00002298619	PFI
ZELDOX 80 MG CAPSULE	ZIPRASIDONE HYDROCHLORIDE MONOHYDRATE	00002298627	PFI
ZOFRAN 0.8 MG / ML ORAL SOLUTION	ONDANSETRON HCL DIHYDRATE	00002229639	NOV
ZOFRAN 2 MG / ML INJECTION	ONDANSETRON HCL DIHYDRATE	00002213745	NOV
ZOFRAN 4 MG TABLET	ONDANSETRON HCL DIHYDRATE	00002213567	NOV

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<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ZOFRAN 8 MG TABLET	ONDANSETRON HCL DIHYDRATE	00002213575	NOV
ZOFRAN ODT 4 MG ORAL DISINTEGRATING TABLET / FILM	ONDANSETRON	00002239372	NOV
ZOFRAN ODT 8 MG ORAL DISINTEGRATING TABLET / FILM	ONDANSETRON	00002239373	NOV
ZOMETA CONCENTRATE 0.8 MG / ML INJECTION	ZOLEDRONIC ACID	00002248296	NOV

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 May 1, 2020, 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 June 1, 2020 claims will no longer pay for these product(s).

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ACCEL-CITALOPRAM 10 MG TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002355248	ACP
ACCEL-CITALOPRAM 20 MG TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002355256	ACP
ACCEL-CITALOPRAM 40 MG TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002355264	ACP
ACT ATENOLOL 100 MG TABLET	ATENOLOL	00002255553	APH
ACT ATENOLOL 50 MG TABLET	ATENOLOL	00002255545	APH
AGGRENOX 200 MG / 25 MG CAPSULE	DIPYRIDAMOLE/ ASA	00002242119	BOE
APO-ALENDRONATE 10 MG TABLET	ALENDRONATE SODIUM	00002248728	APX
APO-BRIMONIDINE 0.2 % OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION	BRIMONIDINE TARTRATE	00002260077	APX
CORTIFOAM 10 % RECTAL FOAM	HYDROCORTISONE ACETATE	00000579335	PAL
GD-AZITHROMYCIN 40 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION	AZITHROMYCIN	00002274574	GMD
MINT-METFORMIN 850 MG TABLET	METFORMIN HCL	00002388774	MPI
NITROL 2 % TOPICAL OINTMENT	NITROGLYCERIN	00001926454	PAL
PREVEX HC 1 % TOPICAL OCCLUSIVE CREAM	HYDROCORTISONE	00000804533	GSK
PROPYL-THYRACIL 100 MG TABLET	PROPYLTHIOURACIL	00000010219	PAL
TARO-DEFERASIROX 500 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET FOR SUSPENSION	DEFERASIROX	00002463547	TAR
TEVA-PAROXETINE 30 MG TABLET	PAROXETINE HCL	00002248558	TEV

Discontinued Listing(s), continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
TEVA-RABEPRAZOLE 10 MG ENTERIC-COATED TABLET	RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	00002296632	TEV
TEVA-RABEPRAZOLE 20 MG ENTERIC-COATED TABLET	RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	00002296640	TEV
TEVA-TRANDOLAPRIL 0.5 MG CAPSULE	TRANDOLAPRIL	00002415429	TEV
TEVA-TRANDOLAPRIL 1 MG CAPSULE	TRANDOLAPRIL	00002415437	TEV
TEVA-TRANDOLAPRIL 2 MG CAPSULE	TRANDOLAPRIL	00002415445	TEV
TEVA-TRANDOLAPRIL 4 MG CAPSULE	TRANDOLAPRIL	00002415453	TEV
TEVA-VENLAFAXINE XR 75 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE	VENLAFAXINE HCL	00002275031	TEV
TIMOPTIC-XE 0.25 % OPHTHALMIC LONG ACTING GELLAN SOLUTION	TIMOLOL MALEATE	00002171880	PUR

PART 2

Drug Additions

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

ACARBOSE

50 MG ORAL TABLET

00002494078	MAR-ACARBOSE	MAR	\$	0.2021
00002190885	GLUCOBAY	BAI	\$	0.2695

100 MG ORAL TABLET

00002494086	MAR-ACARBOSE	MAR	\$	0.2799
00002190893	GLUCOBAY	BAI	\$	0.3733

AMLODIPINE BESYLATE

5 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002297485	ACT AMLODIPINE	APH	\$	0.1343
00002331284	AMLODIPINE	SNS	\$	0.1343
00002385791	AMLODIPINE	SIV	\$	0.1343
00002429217	AMLODIPINE	JPC	\$	0.1343
00002419564	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	AHI	\$	0.1343
00002273373	APO-AMLODIPINE	APX	\$	0.1343
00002397072	AURO-AMLODIPINE	AUR	\$	0.1343
00002371715	MAR-AMLODIPINE	MAR	\$	0.1343
00002362651	MINT-AMLODIPINE	MPI	\$	0.1343
00002272113	MYLAN-AMLODIPINE	MYP	\$	0.1343
00002469030	PHARMA-AMLODIPINE	PMS	\$	0.1343
00002321858	RAN-AMLODIPINE	RAN	\$	0.1343
00002284383	SANDOZ AMLODIPINE	SDZ	\$	0.1343
00002357712	SEPTA-AMLODIPINE	SEP	\$	0.1343
00002250497	TEVA-AMLODIPINE	TEV	\$	0.1343
00000878928	NORVASC	PFI	\$	1.4064

10 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002297493	ACT AMLODIPINE	APH	\$	0.1993
00002331292	AMLODIPINE	SNS	\$	0.1993
00002385805	AMLODIPINE	SIV	\$	0.1993
00002429225	AMLODIPINE	JPC	\$	0.1993
00002419572	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	AHI	\$	0.1993
00002273381	APO-AMLODIPINE	APX	\$	0.1993
00002397080	AURO-AMLODIPINE	AUR	\$	0.1993
00002371723	MAR-AMLODIPINE	MAR	\$	0.1993
00002362678	MINT-AMLODIPINE	MPI	\$	0.1993
00002272121	MYLAN-AMLODIPINE	MYP	\$	0.1993
00002469049	PHARMA-AMLODIPINE	PMS	\$	0.1993
00002321866	RAN-AMLODIPINE	RAN	\$	0.1993
00002284391	SANDOZ AMLODIPINE	SDZ	\$	0.1993
00002357720	SEPTA-AMLODIPINE	SEP	\$	0.1993
00002250500	TEVA-AMLODIPINE	TEV	\$	0.1993
00000878936	NORVASC	PFI	\$	2.0528

APRACLONIDINE HCL

0.5 % OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION

00002076306	IOPIDINE	NOV	\$	4.9880
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ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM

10 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002457741	ACH-ATORVASTATIN	AHI	\$	0.1743
00002295261	APO-ATORVASTATIN	APX	\$	0.1743
00002411350	ATORVASTATIN-10	SIV	\$	0.1743
00002407256	AURO-ATORVASTATIN	AUR	\$	0.1743
00002391058	JAMP-ATORVASTATIN	JPC	\$	0.1743
00002454017	MAR-ATORVASTATIN	MAR	\$	0.1743
00002479508	MINT-ATORVASTATIN	MPI	\$	0.1743
00002392933	MYLAN-ATORVASTATIN	MYP	\$	0.1743
00002399377	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.1743
00002313707	RAN-ATORVASTATIN	RAN	\$	0.1743
00002417936	REDDY-ATORVASTATIN	DRL	\$	0.1743
00002324946	SANDOZ ATORVASTATIN	SDZ	\$	0.1743
00002310899	TEVA-ATORVASTATIN	TEV	\$	0.1743
00002230711	LIPITOR	PFI	\$	1.8223

20 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002457768	ACH-ATORVASTATIN	AHI	\$	0.2179
00002295288	APO-ATORVASTATIN	APX	\$	0.2179
00002411369	ATORVASTATIN-20	SIV	\$	0.2179
00002407264	AURO-ATORVASTATIN	AUR	\$	0.2179
00002391066	JAMP-ATORVASTATIN	JPC	\$	0.2179
00002454025	MAR-ATORVASTATIN	MAR	\$	0.2179
00002479516	MINT-ATORVASTATIN	MPI	\$	0.2179
00002392941	MYLAN-ATORVASTATIN	MYP	\$	0.2179
00002399385	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.2179
00002313715	RAN-ATORVASTATIN	RAN	\$	0.2179
00002417944	REDDY-ATORVASTATIN	DRL	\$	0.2179
00002324954	SANDOZ ATORVASTATIN	SDZ	\$	0.2179
00002310902	TEVA-ATORVASTATIN	TEV	\$	0.2179
00002230713	LIPITOR	PFI	\$	2.2779

40 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002457776	ACH-ATORVASTATIN	AHI	\$	0.2342
00002295296	APO-ATORVASTATIN	APX	\$	0.2342
00002411377	ATORVASTATIN-40	SIV	\$	0.2342
00002407272	AURO-ATORVASTATIN	AUR	\$	0.2342
00002391074	JAMP-ATORVASTATIN	JPC	\$	0.2342
00002454033	MAR-ATORVASTATIN	MAR	\$	0.2342
00002479524	MINT-ATORVASTATIN	MPI	\$	0.2342
00002392968	MYLAN-ATORVASTATIN	MYP	\$	0.2342
00002399393	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.2342
00002313723	RAN-ATORVASTATIN	RAN	\$	0.2342
00002417952	REDDY-ATORVASTATIN	DRL	\$	0.2342
00002324962	SANDOZ ATORVASTATIN	SDZ	\$	0.2342
00002310910	TEVA-ATORVASTATIN	TEV	\$	0.2342
00002230714	LIPITOR	PFI	\$	2.4483

80 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002457784	ACH-ATORVASTATIN	AHI	\$	0.2342
00002295318	APO-ATORVASTATIN	APX	\$	0.2342
00002411385	ATORVASTATIN-80	SIV	\$	0.2342
00002407280	AURO-ATORVASTATIN	AUR	\$	0.2342
00002391082	JAMP-ATORVASTATIN	JPC	\$	0.2342
00002454041	MAR-ATORVASTATIN	MAR	\$	0.2342
00002392976	MYLAN-ATORVASTATIN	MYP	\$	0.2342
00002399407	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.2342
00002313758	RAN-ATORVASTATIN	RAN	\$	0.2342
00002417960	REDDY-ATORVASTATIN	DRL	\$	0.2342
00002324970	SANDOZ ATORVASTATIN	SDZ	\$	0.2342
00002310929	TEVA-ATORVASTATIN	TEV	\$	0.2342
00002243097	LIPITOR	PFI	\$	2.4483

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BACLOFEN

0.05 MG / ML INJECTION

00002457059	BACLOFEN INJECTION	TGT	\$	7.5160
00002413620	BACLOFEN INTRATHECAL	STM	\$	7.5160
00002131048	LIORESAL INTRATHECAL	NOV	\$	15.2660

0.5 MG / ML INJECTION

00002457067	BACLOFEN INJECTION	TGT	\$	5.6328
00002413639	BACLOFEN INTRATHECAL	STM	\$	5.6328
00002131056	LIORESAL INTRATHECAL	NOV	\$	11.4385

2 MG / ML INJECTION

00002457075	BACLOFEN INJECTION	TGT	\$	22.5334
00002413647	BACLOFEN INTRATHECAL	STM	\$	22.5334
00002131064	LIORESAL INTRATHECAL	NOV	\$	45.7608

CALCIUM POLYSTYRENE SULPHONATE

ORAL POWDER

00002017741	RESONIUM CALCIUM	SAV	\$	0.3865
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CARBAMAZEPINE

200 MG ORAL TABLET

00002407515	TARO-CARBAMAZEPINE	TAR	\$	0.2432
00000782718	TEVA-CARBAMAZ	TEV	\$	0.2432
00000010405	TEGRETOL	NOV	\$	0.4267

200 MG ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET

00002231543	PMS-CARBAMAZEPINE-CR	PMS	\$	0.0930
00002261839	SANDOZ CARBAMAZEPINE CR	SDZ	\$	0.0930
00000773611	TEGRETOL CR	NOV	\$	0.4302

400 MG ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET

00002231544	PMS-CARBAMAZEPINE-CR	PMS	\$	0.1859
00002261847	SANDOZ CARBAMAZEPINE CR	SDZ	\$	0.1859
00000755583	TEGRETOL CR	NOV	\$	0.8605

20 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION

00002367394	TARO-CARBAMAZEPINE	TAR	\$	0.0728
00002194333	TEGRETOL	NOV	\$	0.0826

CLARITHROMYCIN

500 MG ORAL TABLET

00002247574	PMS-CLARITHROMYCIN	PMS	\$	0.8318
00002361434	RAN-CLARITHROMYCIN	RAN	\$	0.8318
00002266547	SANDOZ CLARITHROMYCIN	SDZ	\$	0.8318
00002248805	TEVA-CLARITHROMYCIN	TEV	\$	0.8318
00002126710	BIAXIN BID	BGP	\$	3.3271

CLINDAMYCIN PALMITATE HCL

15 MG / ML (BASE) ORAL SOLUTION

00000225851	DALACIN C PALMITATE	PFI	\$	0.1893
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COLESTIPOL HCL

1 G ORAL TABLET

00002132680	COLESTID	PFI	\$	0.2844
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CONJUGATED ESTROGENS

0.3 MG ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET 00002414678 PREMARIN	PFI	\$	0.3382
0.625 MG ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET 00002414686 PREMARIN	PFI	\$	0.3382
1.25 MG ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET 00002414694 PREMARIN	PFI	\$	0.3382
0.625 MG / G VAGINAL CREAM 00002043440 PREMARIN	PFI	\$	0.7154

DALTEPARIN SODIUM

10,000 IU / ML INJECTION 00002132664 FRAGMIN	PFI	\$	17.2610
25,000 IU / ML INJECTION 00002231171 FRAGMIN	PFI	\$	43.1494
2,500 IU / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE 00002132621 FRAGMIN (0.2 ML SYRINGE)	PFI	\$	5.4656
3,500 IU / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE 00002430789 FRAGMIN (0.28 ML SYRINGE)	PFI	\$	7.6514
5,000 IU / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE 00002132648 FRAGMIN (0.2 ML SYRINGE)	PFI	\$	10.9309
7,500 IU / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE 00002352648 FRAGMIN (0.3 ML SYRINGE)	PFI	\$	16.3960
10,000 IU / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE 00002352656 FRAGMIN (0.4 ML SYRINGE)	PFI	\$	21.8619
12,500 IU / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE 00002352664 FRAGMIN (0.5 ML SYRINGE)	PFI	\$	27.3281
15,000 IU / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE 00002352672 FRAGMIN (0.6 ML SYRINGE)	PFI	\$	32.7941
18,000 IU / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE 00002352680 FRAGMIN (0.72 ML SYRINGE)	PFI	\$	39.3518

DANAZOL

50 MG ORAL CAPSULE 00002018144 CYCLOMEN	SAV	\$	0.9983
100 MG ORAL CAPSULE 00002018152 CYCLOMEN	SAV	\$	1.4816
200 MG ORAL CAPSULE 00002018160 CYCLOMEN	SAV	\$	2.3676

DEFEROXAMINE MESYLATE

500 MG / VIAL INJECTION 00002241600 DEFEROXAMINE MESYLATE	PFI	\$	14.6690
00001981242 DESFERAL	NOV	\$	15.4390
2 G / VIAL INJECTION 00002247022 DEFEROXAMINE MESYLATE	PFI	\$	20.8896

DEXAMETHASONE/ FRAMYCETIN SULFATE/ GRAMICIDIN

0.5 MG / ML * 5 MG / ML * 0.05 MG / ML OTIC/OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION 00002224623 SOFACORT	SAV	\$	2.0575
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DICLOFENAC SODIUM

50 MG RECTAL SUPPOSITORY				
00002231506	PMS-DICLOFENAC	PMS	\$	0.4339
00002261928	SANDOZ DICLOFENAC	SDZ	\$	0.4339
00000632724	VOLTAREN	NOV	\$	1.4350

DICLOFENAC SODIUM/ MISOPROSTOL

50 MG * 200 MCG ORAL ENTERIC-COATED TABLET				
00002341689	GD-DICLOFENAC/MISOPROSTOL 50	GMD	\$	0.3149
00002413469	PMS-DICLOFENAC-MISOPROSTOL	PMS	\$	0.3149
00001917056	ARTHROTEC-50	PFI	\$	0.6822
75 MG * 200 MCG ORAL ENTERIC-COATED TABLET				
00002341697	GD-DICLOFENAC/MISOPROSTOL 75	GMD	\$	0.4286
00002413477	PMS-DICLOFENAC-MISOPROSTOL	PMS	\$	0.4286
00002229837	ARTHROTEC-75	PFI	\$	0.9285

DIPHENOXYLATE HCL/ ATROPINE SULFATE

2.5 MG * 0.025 MG ORAL TABLET				
00000036323	LOMOTIL	PFI	\$	0.5113

DISOPYRAMIDE

100 MG ORAL CAPSULE				
00002224801	RYTHMODAN	SAV	\$	0.2950

ENTACAPONE

200 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002380005	SANDOZ ENTACAPONE	SDZ	\$	0.4010
00002375559	TEVA-ENTACAPONE	TEV	\$	0.4010
00002243763	COMTAN	NOV	\$	1.6685

ENTECAVIR

RESTRICTED BENEFIT - This product is a benefit for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B when prescribed by a Specialist in Internal Medicine or a designated prescriber.

0.5 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002479907	ACCEL-ENTECAVIR	ACP	\$	5.5000
00002396955	APO-ENTECAVIR	APX	\$	5.5000
00002448777	AURO-ENTECAVIR	AUR	\$	5.5000
00002467232	JAMP-ENTECAVIR	JPC	\$	5.5000
00002485907	MINT-ENTECAVIR	MPI	\$	5.5000
00002430576	PMS-ENTECAVIR	PMS	\$	5.5000
00002282224	BARACLUDGE	BMS	\$	22.6601

ERYTHROMYCIN

333 MG ORAL CAPSULE (ENTERIC-COATED PELLETT)				
00000873454	ERYC	PFI	\$	0.7361

ESTRADIOL-17B

25 MCG/DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002245676	ESTRADOT 25 (0.39 MG/PTH)	NOV	\$ 2.8562
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002243722	OESCLIM 25 (5 MG/PTH)	SLP	\$ 2.9053
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002247499	CLIMARA 25 (2 MG/PTH)	BAI	\$ 5.1600
37.5 MCG/DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH				
	00002243999	ESTRADOT 37.5 (0.585 MG/PTH)	NOV	\$ 2.8750

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ESTRADIOL-17B

50 MCG/DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH				
	00002246967	SANDOZ ESTRADIOL DERM 50 (4 MG/PTH)	SDZ	\$ 2.5331
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002243724	OESCLIM 50 (10 MG/PTH)	SLP	\$ 2.9145
	00002244000	ESTRADOT 50 (0.78 MG/PTH)	NOV	\$ 3.0662
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002231509	CLIMARA 50 (3.9 MG/PTH)	BAI	\$ 5.5118
75 MCG/DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH				
	00002246968	SANDOZ ESTRADIOL DERM 75 (6 MG/PTH)	SDZ	\$ 2.7169
	00002244001	ESTRADOT 75 (1.17 MG/PTH)	NOV	\$ 3.2875
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002247500	CLIMARA 75 (5.7 MG/PTH)	BAI	\$ 5.8764
100 MCG/DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH				
	00002246969	SANDOZ ESTRADIOL DERM 100 (8 MG/PTH)	SDZ	\$ 2.8744
	00002244002	ESTRADOT 100 (1.56 MG/PTH)	NOV	\$ 3.4737

FLUVASTATIN SODIUM

80 MG (BASE) ORAL EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET				
	00002250527	LESCOL XL	NOV	\$ 0.1354 \$ 1.5896
<i>MAC pricing will be applied based on the LCA Price for Rosuvastatin Calcium 1 x 10 mg tablet or the LCA Price of Atorvastatin 1 x 20 mg tablet whichever is lower.</i>				

FORMOTEROL FUMARATE

12 MCG INHALATION CAPSULE				
	00002230898	FORADIL	NOV	\$ 0.8520

FUROSEMIDE

500 MG ORAL TABLET				
	00002224755	LASIX SPECIAL	SAV	\$ 3.3270
10 MG / ML ORAL SOLUTION				
	00002224720	LASIX	SAV	\$ 0.3229

GABAPENTIN

100 MG ORAL CAPSULE				
	00002244304	APO-GABAPENTIN	APX	\$ 0.0416
	00002321203	AURO-GABAPENTIN	AUR	\$ 0.0416
	00002246314	GABAPENTIN	SIV	\$ 0.0416
	00002353245	GABAPENTIN	SNS	\$ 0.0416
	00002416840	GABAPENTIN	AHI	\$ 0.0416
	00002361469	JAMP-GABAPENTIN	JPC	\$ 0.0416
	00002391473	MAR-GABAPENTIN	MAR	\$ 0.0416
	00002243446	PMS-GABAPENTIN	PMS	\$ 0.0416
	00002244513	TEVA-GABAPENTIN	TEV	\$ 0.0416
	00002084260	NEURONTIN	PFI	\$ 0.4652
300 MG ORAL CAPSULE				
	00002244305	APO-GABAPENTIN	APX	\$ 0.1012
	00002321211	AURO-GABAPENTIN	AUR	\$ 0.1012
	00002246315	GABAPENTIN	SIV	\$ 0.1012
	00002353253	GABAPENTIN	SNS	\$ 0.1012
	00002416859	GABAPENTIN	AHI	\$ 0.1012
	00002361485	JAMP-GABAPENTIN	JPC	\$ 0.1012
	00002391481	MAR-GABAPENTIN	MAR	\$ 0.1012
	00002243447	PMS-GABAPENTIN	PMS	\$ 0.1012
	00002319063	RAN-GABAPENTIN	RAN	\$ 0.1012
	00002244514	TEVA-GABAPENTIN	TEV	\$ 0.1012
	00002084279	NEURONTIN	PFI	\$ 1.1127

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GABAPENTIN

400 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002244306	APO-GABAPENTIN	APX	\$	0.1206
00002321238	AURO-GABAPENTIN	AUR	\$	0.1206
00002246316	GABAPENTIN	SIV	\$	0.1206
00002353261	GABAPENTIN	SNS	\$	0.1206
00002416867	GABAPENTIN	AHI	\$	0.1206
00002361493	JAMP-GABAPENTIN	JPC	\$	0.1206
00002391503	MAR-GABAPENTIN	MAR	\$	0.1206
00002243448	PMS-GABAPENTIN	PMS	\$	0.1206
00002244515	TEVA-GABAPENTIN	TEV	\$	0.1206
00002084287	NEURONTIN	PFI	\$	1.3261

HYDROCORTISONE

10 MG ORAL TABLET

00000030910	CORTEF	PFI	\$	0.2077
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20 MG ORAL TABLET

00000030929	CORTEF	PFI	\$	0.3747
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HYDROCORTISONE SODIUM SUCCINATE

100 MG / VIAL (BASE) INJECTION

00000030600	SOLU-CORTEF	PFI	\$	4.1472
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250 MG / VIAL (BASE) INJECTION

00000030619	SOLU-CORTEF	PFI	\$	7.1975
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500 MG / VIAL (BASE) INJECTION

00000030627	SOLU-CORTEF	PFI	\$	10.8794
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HYDROMORPHONE HCL

50 MG / ML INJECTION

00002146126	HYDROMORPHONE HP 50	SDZ	\$	21.1271
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HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE

200 MG ORAL TABLET

00002246691	APO-HYDROXYQUINE	APX	\$	0.1576
00002491427	JAMP HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE	JPC	\$	0.1576
00002424991	MINT-HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE	MPI	\$	0.1576
00002017709	PLAQUENIL SULFATE	SAV	\$	0.6302

INSULIN ASPART

100 UNIT / ML INJECTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002245397	NOVORAPID	NNA	\$	3.0190
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002244353	NOVORAPID CARTRIDGE	NNA	\$	4.0820
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002377209	NOVORAPID FLEXTOUCH	NNA	\$	4.2500

INSULIN DEGLUDEC

100 UNIT / ML INJECTION

00002467879	TRESIBA FLEXTOUCH PEN	NNA	\$	7.4333
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200 UNIT / ML INJECTION

00002467887	TRESIBA FLEXTOUCH PEN	NNA	\$	14.8666
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INSULIN DETEMIR

100 UNIT / ML INJECTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002271842	LEVEMIR CARTRIDGE	NNA	\$	7.2006
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002412829	LEVEMIR FLEXTOUCH	NNA	\$	7.4333

INSULIN GLARGINE

100 UNIT / ML INJECTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002444844	BASAGLAR CARTRIDGE	LIL	\$	4.6425
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002461528	BASAGLAR KWIKPEN (80 UNIT)	LIL	\$	4.6425
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002245689	LANTUS	SAV	\$	6.1690
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002251930	LANTUS CARTRIDGE	SAV	\$	6.1900
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002294338	LANTUS PEN	SAV	\$	6.1900

INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)

100 UNIT / ML INJECTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000587737	HUMULIN N	LIL	\$	2.3800
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002024225	NOVOLIN GE NPH	NNA	\$	2.4360
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00001959239	HUMULIN N CARTRIDGE	LIL	\$	3.1146
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002403447	HUMULIN N KWIKPEN	LIL	\$	3.1146
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002024268	NOVOLIN GE NPH CARTRIDGE	NNA	\$	3.1926

INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)

100 UNIT / ML INJECTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000586714	HUMULIN R	LIL	\$	2.3800
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002024233	NOVOLIN GE TORONTO	NNA	\$	2.3820
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00001959220	HUMULIN R CARTRIDGE	LIL	\$	3.1146
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002024284	NOVOLIN GE TORONTO CARTRIDGE	NNA	\$	3.1180

INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (REGULAR)/ INSULIN HUMAN BIOSYNTHETIC (ISOPHANE)

30 UNIT / ML * 70 UNIT / ML INJECTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000795879	HUMULIN 30/70	LIL	\$	2.3800
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002024217	NOVOLIN GE 30/70	NNA	\$	2.4480
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002025248	NOVOLIN GE 30/70 CARTRIDGE	NNA	\$	3.0853
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00001959212	HUMULIN 30/70 CARTRIDGE	LIL	\$	3.1146

40 UNIT / ML * 60 UNIT / ML INJECTION

	00002024314	NOVOLIN GE 40/60 CARTRIDGE	NNA	\$	3.1073
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50 UNIT / ML * 50 UNIT / ML INJECTION

	00002024322	NOVOLIN GE 50/50 CARTRIDGE	NNA	\$	3.1073
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INSULIN LISPRO

100 UNIT / ML INJECTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002229704	HUMALOG	LIL	\$	2.9155
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002403412	HUMALOG KWIKPEN	LIL	\$	3.8394
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002229705	HUMALOG CARTRIDGE	LIL	\$	3.8912

200 UNIT / ML INJECTION

	00002439611	HUMALOG KWIKPEN	LIL	\$	7.1467
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INSULIN LISPRO/ INSULIN LISPRO PROTAMINE

25 % * 75 % INJECTION

☒ 00002403420	HUMALOG MIX 25 KWIKPEN	LIL	\$	3.8846
☒ 00002240294	HUMALOG MIX 25 CARTRIDGE	LIL	\$	3.9353

50 % * 50 % INJECTION

☒ 00002403439	HUMALOG MIX 50 KWIKPEN	LIL	\$	3.8200
☒ 00002240297	HUMALOG MIX 50 CARTRIDGE	LIL	\$	3.8540

KETOROLAC TROMETHAMINE

30 MG / ML INJECTION

00002239944	KETOROLAC TROMETHAMINE	SDZ	\$	4.4100
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LATANOPROST

0.005 % OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION

00002296527	APO-LATANOPROST	APX	\$	3.6320
00002373041	GD-LATANOPROST	GMD	\$	3.6320
00002453355	JAMP-LATANOPROST	JPC	\$	3.6320
00002426935	MED-LATANOPROST	GMP	\$	3.6320
00002367335	SANDOZ LATANOPROST	SDZ	\$	3.6320
00002254786	TEVA-LATANOPROST	TEV	\$	3.6320
00002231493	XALATAN	PFI	\$	12.1528

LATANOPROST/ TIMOLOL MALEATE

0.005 % * 0.5 % (BASE) OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION

00002436256	ACT LATANOPROST/TIMOLOL	APH	\$	4.4268
00002373068	GD-LATANOPROST/TIMOLOL	GMD	\$	4.4268
00002453770	JAMP-LATANOPROST/TIMOLOL	JPC	\$	4.4268
00002454505	MED-LATANOPROST-TIMOLOL	GMP	\$	4.4268
00002246619	XALACOM	PFI	\$	13.7543

LEVONORGESTREL/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL

100 MCG * 20 MCG ORAL TABLET

00002387875	ALYSENA 21	APX	\$	0.3629
00002298538	AVIANE 21	TEV	\$	0.3629
00002236974	ALESSE (21 DAY)	PFI	\$	0.7470

100 MCG * 20 MCG ORAL TABLET

00002387883	ALYSENA 28	APX	\$	0.2721
00002298546	AVIANE 28	TEV	\$	0.2721
00002236975	ALESSE (28 DAY)	PFI	\$	0.5604

LORAZEPAM

0.5 MG ORAL TABLET

00000655740	APO-LORAZEPAM	APX	\$	0.0359
00000728187	PMS-LORAZEPAM	PMS	\$	0.0359
00000711101	TEVA-LORAZEPAM	TEV	\$	0.0359
00002041413	ATIVAN	PFI	\$	0.0401

1 MG ORAL TABLET

00000655759	APO-LORAZEPAM	APX	\$	0.0447
00002351080	LORAZEPAM	SNS	\$	0.0447
00000728195	PMS-LORAZEPAM	PMS	\$	0.0447
00000637742	TEVA-LORAZEPAM	TEV	\$	0.0447
00002041421	ATIVAN	PFI	\$	0.0499

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LORAZEPAM

2 MG ORAL TABLET

00000655767	APO-LORAZEPAM	APX	\$	0.0699
00002351099	LORAZEPAM	SNS	\$	0.0699
00000728209	PMS-LORAZEPAM	PMS	\$	0.0699
00000637750	TEVA-LORAZEPAM	TEV	\$	0.0699
00002041448	ATIVAN	PFI	\$	0.0782

0.5 MG ORAL SUBLINGUAL TABLET

00002410745	LORAZEPAM	AAP	\$	0.0914
00002041456	ATIVAN	PFI	\$	0.1218

1 MG ORAL SUBLINGUAL TABLET

00002410753	LORAZEPAM	AAP	\$	0.1151
00002041464	ATIVAN	PFI	\$	0.1534

2 MG ORAL SUBLINGUAL TABLET

00002410761	LORAZEPAM	AAP	\$	0.1787
00002041472	ATIVAN	PFI	\$	0.2383

MEDROXYPROGESTERONE ACETATE

150 MG / ML INJECTION

00000585092	DEPO-PROVERA	PFI	\$	30.4800
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METHOTRIMEPRAZINE HCL

25 MG / ML (BASE) INJECTION

00001927698	NOZINAN	SAV	\$	3.6810
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METHYLPHENIDATE HCL

10 MG ORAL TABLET

00002249324	APO-METHYLPHENIDATE	APX	\$	0.2216
00000584991	PMS-METHYLPHENIDATE	PMS	\$	0.2216
00000005606	RITALIN	NOV	\$	0.3876

20 MG ORAL EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET

00002266687	APO-METHYLPHENIDATE SR	APX	\$	0.2820
00002320312	SANDOZ METHYLPHENIDATE	SDZ	\$	0.2820
00000632775	RITALIN SR	NOV	\$	0.6801

METHYLPREDNISOLONE SODIUM SUCCINATE

40 MG / VIAL (BASE) INJECTION

00002231893	METHYLPREDNISOLONE SOD SUCCIN.	TEV	\$	4.7801
00002367947	SOLU-MEDROL ACT-O-VIAL (PRESERVATIVE PFI FREE)	PFI	\$	7.0167

125 MG / VIAL (BASE) INJECTION

00002231894	METHYLPREDNISOLONE SOD SUCCINATE	TEV	\$	10.4010
00002367955	SOLU-MEDROL ACT-O-VIAL (PRESERVATIVE PFI FREE)	PFI	\$	16.6594

500 MG / VIAL (BASE) INJECTION

00002231895	METHYLPREDNISOLONE SOD SUCCIN.	TEV	\$	24.6960
00000030678	SOLU-MEDROL	PFI	\$	40.9317
00002367963	SOLU-MEDROL ACT-O-VIAL (PRESERVATIVE PFI FREE)	PFI	\$	41.7511

1 G / VIAL (BASE) INJECTION

00002241229	METHYLPREDNISOLONE SOD SUCCIN.	TEV	\$	37.9336
00000036137	SOLU-MEDROL	PFI	\$	62.7302
00002367971	SOLU-MEDROL ACT-O-VIAL (PRESERVATIVE PFI FREE)	PFI	\$	63.9987

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METOLAZONE

2.5 MG ORAL TABLET
 00000888400 ZAROXOLYN SAV \$ 0.2136

METOPROLOL TARTRATE

100 MG ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET
 00002285169 APO-METOPROLOL SR APX \$ 0.1871
 00002303396 SANDOZ METOPROLOL SR SDZ \$ 0.1871
 00000658855 LOPRESOR SR NOV \$ 0.3394
 200 MG (BASE) ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET
 00002285177 APO-METOPROLOL SR APX \$ 0.3396
 00002303418 SANDOZ METOPROLOL SR SDZ \$ 0.3396
 00000534560 LOPRESOR SR NOV \$ 0.6162

METRONIDAZOLE

10 % VAGINAL CREAM
 00001926861 FLAGYL SAV \$ 0.2558

METRONIDAZOLE/ NYSTATIN

500 MG * 100,000 UNIT VAGINAL OVULE
 00001926829 FLAGYSTATIN SAV \$ 3.4440

MINOXIDIL

2.5 MG ORAL TABLET
 00000514497 LONITEN PFI \$ 0.4694
 10 MG ORAL TABLET
 00000514500 LONITEN PFI \$ 1.0346

NAFARELIN ACETATE

2 MG / ML (BASE) NASAL SOLUTION
 00002188783 SYNAREL PFI \$ 48.8851

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NITROGLYCERIN

0.3 MG ORAL SUBLINGUAL TABLET				
00000037613 NITROSTAT	PFI	\$		0.1537
0.6 MG ORAL SUBLINGUAL TABLET				
00000037621 NITROSTAT	PFI	\$		0.1537
0.2 MG/HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH				
00002407442 MYLAN-NITRO PATCH	MYP	\$		0.4463
00001911910 NITRO-DUR 0.2	DRL	\$		0.4463
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002230732 TRINIPATCH 0.2	PAL	\$		0.6465
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002162806 MINITRAN 0.2	VCL	\$		0.6573
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00000584223 TRANSDERM-NITRO 0.2	NOV	\$		0.7300
0.4 MG/HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH				
00002407450 MYLAN-NITRO PATCH	MYP	\$		0.4937
00001911902 NITRO-DUR 0.4	DRL	\$		0.4937
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002230733 TRINIPATCH 0.4	PAL	\$		0.7301
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002163527 MINITRAN 0.4	VCL	\$		0.7427
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00000852384 TRANSDERM-NITRO 0.4	NOV	\$		0.8240
0.6 MG/HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH				
00002407469 MYLAN-NITRO PATCH	MYP	\$		0.4937
00001911929 NITRO-DUR 0.6	DRL	\$		0.4937
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002230734 TRINIPATCH 0.6	PAL	\$		0.7301
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002163535 MINITRAN 0.6	VCL	\$		0.7431
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002046156 TRANSDERM-NITRO 0.6	NOV	\$		0.8240

NORETHINDRONE ACETATE/ ESTRADIOL-17B

140 MCG/DAY * 50 MCG/DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH				
00002241835 ESTALIS (2.7*.62 MG/PTH)	NOV	\$		3.4012
250 MCG/DAY * 50 MCG/DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH				
00002241837 ESTALIS (4.8*.51 MG/PTH)	NOV	\$		3.4012

NORETHINDRONE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL/ NORETHINDRONE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL

0.5 MG * 0.035 MG * 1 MG * 0.035 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002187108 SYNPHASIC (21 DAY)	PFI	\$		0.5946
0.5 MG * 0.035 MG * 1 MG * 0.035 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002187116 SYNPHASIC (28 DAY)	PFI	\$		0.4460

NORGESTIMATE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL/ NORGESTIMATE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL/ NORGESTIMATE/ ETHINYL ESTRADIOL

0.18 MG * 0.035 MG * 0.215 MG * 0.035 MG * 0.25 MG * 0.035 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002486318 TRI-JORDYNA 28 (28 DAY)	GLM	\$		0.7709
00002029421 TRI-CYCLEN (28 DAY)	JAI	\$		0.9536

ONDANSETRON

4 MG ORAL DISINTEGRATING TABLET/FILM				
00002487330 MINT-ONDANSETRON ODT	MPI	\$		3.2720
00002481723 ONDANSETRON ODT	SDZ	\$		3.2720
00002389983 ONDISSOLVE ODF	TAK	\$		3.2720
00002444674 VPI-ONDANSETRON ODT	VPI	\$		3.2720
00002239372 ZOFRAN ODT	NOV	\$		14.0040
8 MG ORAL DISINTEGRATING TABLET/FILM				
00002487349 MINT-ONDANSETRON ODT	MPI	\$		4.9930
00002481731 ONDANSETRON ODT	SDZ	\$		4.9930
00002389991 ONDISSOLVE ODF	TAK	\$		4.9930
00002444682 VPI-ONDANSETRON ODT	VPI	\$		4.9930
00002239373 ZOFRAN ODT	NOV	\$		21.3690

The DBL is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

PRODUCT IS NOT INTERCHANGEABLE

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

ONDANSETRON HCL DIHYDRATE

4 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET			
00002478927	ACCEL-ONDANSETRON	ACP	\$ 2.6790
00002288184	APO-ONDANSETRON	APX	\$ 3.2720
00002458810	CCP-ONDANSETRON	CEL	\$ 3.2720
00002296349	CO ONDANSETRON	APH	\$ 3.2720
00002313685	JAMP-ONDANSETRON	JPC	\$ 3.2720
00002371731	MAR-ONDANSETRON	MAR	\$ 3.2720
00002305259	MINT-ONDANSETRON	MPI	\$ 3.2720
00002297868	MYLAN-ONDANSETRON	MYP	\$ 3.2720
00002417839	NAT-ONDANSETRON	NTP	\$ 3.2720
00002421402	ONDANSETRON	SNS	\$ 3.2720
00002258188	PMS-ONDANSETRON	PMS	\$ 3.2720
00002274310	SANDOZ ONDANSETRON	SDZ	\$ 3.2720
00002376091	SEPTA-ONDANSETRON	SEP	\$ 3.2720
00002213567	ZOFRAN	NOV	\$ 14.5480
8 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET			
00002478935	ACCEL-ONDANSETRON	ACP	\$ 4.0880
00002288192	APO-ONDANSETRON	APX	\$ 4.9930
00002458802	CCP-ONDANSETRON	CEL	\$ 4.9930
00002296357	CO ONDANSETRON	APH	\$ 4.9930
00002313693	JAMP-ONDANSETRON	JPC	\$ 4.9930
00002371758	MAR-ONDANSETRON	MAR	\$ 4.9930
00002305267	MINT-ONDANSETRON	MPI	\$ 4.9930
00002297876	MYLAN-ONDANSETRON	MYP	\$ 4.9930
00002417847	NAT-ONDANSETRON	NTP	\$ 4.9930
00002421410	ONDANSETRON	SNS	\$ 4.9930
00002258196	PMS-ONDANSETRON	PMS	\$ 4.9930
00002274329	SANDOZ ONDANSETRON	SDZ	\$ 4.9930
00002376105	SEPTA-ONDANSETRON	SEP	\$ 4.9930
00002213575	ZOFRAN	NOV	\$ 22.2030
0.8 MG / ML (BASE) ORAL SOLUTION			
00002291967	ONDANSETRON	AAP	\$ 1.6641
00002229639	ZOFRAN	NOV	\$ 2.1872
2 MG / ML (BASE) INJECTION			
00002420414	JAMP-ONDANSETRON (PRESERVATIVE FREE)	JPC	\$ 3.4552
00002390019	ONDANSETRON (PRESERVATIVE FREE)	MYP	\$ 3.4552
00002279428	ONDANSETRON (UNPRESERVED)	SDZ	\$ 3.4552
00002464578	ONDANSETRON INJECTION USP	STM	\$ 3.4552
00002213745	ZOFRAN	NOV	\$ 10.7200

PENTAZOCINE HCL

50 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET			
00002137984	TALWIN	SAV	\$ 0.4790

PHENYTOIN

50 MG ORAL CHEWABLE TABLET			
00000023698	DILANTIN INFATABS	PFI	\$ 0.0879
6 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION			
00000023442	DILANTIN-30	PFI	\$ 0.0484
25 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION			
00002250896	TARO-PHENYTOIN	TAR	\$ 0.0448
00000023450	DILANTIN-125	PFI	\$ 0.0571

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

PHENYTOIN SODIUM

30 MG ORAL CAPSULE				
00000022772	DILANTIN	PFI	\$	0.1388
100 MG ORAL CAPSULE				
00002460912	APO-PHENYTOIN SODIUM	APX	\$	0.0665
00000022780	DILANTIN	PFI	\$	0.0913

PILOCARPINE HCL

5 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002216345	SALAGEN	PFI	\$	1.4641
2 % OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION				
00000000868	ISOPTO CARPINE	NOV	\$	0.2720

PRAVASTATIN SODIUM

10 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002440644	ACH-PRAVASTATIN	AHI	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002243506	APO-PRAVASTATIN	APX	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002458977	AURO-PRAVASTATIN	AUR	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002330954	JAMP-PRAVASTATIN	JPC	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002432048	MAR-PRAVASTATIN	MAR	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002317451	MINT-PRAVASTATIN	MPI	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002247655	PMS-PRAVASTATIN	PMS	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002356546	PRAVASTATIN	SNS	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002389703	PRAVASTATIN	SIV	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002284421	RAN-PRAVASTATIN	RAN	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002468700	SANDOZ PRAVASTATIN	SDZ	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916
00002247008	TEVA-PRAVASTATIN	TEV	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.2916

MAC pricing will be applied based on the LCA Price for Rosuvastatin Calcium 1 x 10 mg tablet or the LCA Price of Atorvastatin 1 x 20 mg tablet whichever is lower.

20 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002440652	ACH-PRAVASTATIN	AHI	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002243507	APO-PRAVASTATIN	APX	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002458985	AURO-PRAVASTATIN	AUR	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002330962	JAMP-PRAVASTATIN	JPC	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002432056	MAR-PRAVASTATIN	MAR	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002317478	MINT-PRAVASTATIN	MPI	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002247656	PMS-PRAVASTATIN	PMS	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002356554	PRAVASTATIN	SNS	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002389738	PRAVASTATIN	SIV	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002284448	RAN-PRAVASTATIN	RAN	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002468719	SANDOZ PRAVASTATIN	SDZ	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00002247009	TEVA-PRAVASTATIN	TEV	\$ 0.1354	\$ 0.3440
00000893757	PRAVACHOL	BMS	\$ 0.1354	\$ 1.1243

MAC pricing will be applied based on the LCA Price for Rosuvastatin Calcium 1 x 10 mg tablet or the LCA Price of Atorvastatin 1 x 20 mg tablet whichever is lower.

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

PRAVASTATIN SODIUM

40 MG ORAL TABLET

00002440660	ACH-PRAVASTATIN	AHI	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002243508	APO-PRAVASTATIN	APX	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002458993	AURO-PRAVASTATIN	AUR	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002330970	JAMP-PRAVASTATIN	JPC	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002432064	MAR-PRAVASTATIN	MAR	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002317486	MINT-PRAVASTATIN	MPI	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002247657	PMS-PRAVASTATIN	PMS	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002356562	PRAVASTATIN	SNS	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002389746	PRAVASTATIN	SIV	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002284456	RAN-PRAVASTATIN	RAN	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002468727	SANDOZ PRAVASTATIN	SDZ	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002247010	TEVA-PRAVASTATIN	TEV	\$ 0.1354	\$	0.4143
00002222051	PRAVACHOL	BMS	\$ 0.1354	\$	1.3543

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PREDNISOLONE SODIUM PHOSPHATE

1 MG / ML (BASE) ORAL LIQUID

00002245532	PMS-PREDNISOLONE	PMS	\$	0.1248
00002230619	PEDIAPRED	SAV	\$	0.1399

PRIMAQUINE PHOSPHATE

15 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002017776	PRIMAQUINE PHOSPHATE	SAV	\$	0.4397
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QUINAPRIL

5 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002248499	APO-QUINAPRIL	APX	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.4642
00002340550	PMS-QUINAPRIL	PMS	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.4642
00001947664	ACCUPRIL	PFI	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.9742

MAC pricing will be applied based on the LCA Price for Lisinopril 1 x 20 mg tablet.

10 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002248500	APO-QUINAPRIL	APX	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.4642
00002340569	PMS-QUINAPRIL	PMS	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.4642
00001947672	ACCUPRIL	PFI	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.9742

MAC pricing will be applied based on the LCA Price for Lisinopril 1 x 20 mg tablet.

20 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002248501	APO-QUINAPRIL	APX	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.4642
00002340577	PMS-QUINAPRIL	PMS	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.4642
00001947680	ACCUPRIL	PFI	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.9742

MAC pricing will be applied based on the LCA Price for Lisinopril 1 x 20 mg tablet.

40 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002248502	APO-QUINAPRIL	APX	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.4642
00002340585	PMS-QUINAPRIL	PMS	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.4642
00001947699	ACCUPRIL	PFI	\$ 0.1945	\$	0.9742

MAC pricing will be applied based on the LCA Price for Lisinopril 1 x 20 mg tablet.

QUINAPRIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE**10 MG (BASE) * 12.5 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002408767	APO-QUINAPRIL/HCTZ	APX	\$ 0.2503	\$ 0.4786
00002473291	AURO-QUINAPRIL HCTZ	AUR	\$ 0.2503	\$ 0.4786
00002237367	ACCURETIC 10/12.5	PFI	\$ 0.2503	\$ 0.9840

MAC pricing will be applied based on the LCA Price for Lisinopril/ Hydrochlorothiazide 1 x 20 mg/25 mg tablet.

20 MG (BASE) * 12.5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002408775	APO-QUINAPRIL/HCTZ	APX	\$ 0.2503	\$ 0.4786
00002473305	AURO-QUINAPRIL HCTZ	AUR	\$ 0.2503	\$ 0.4786
00002237368	ACCURETIC 20/12.5	PFI	\$ 0.2503	\$ 0.9840

MAC pricing will be applied based on the LCA Price for Lisinopril/ Hydrochlorothiazide 1 x 20 mg/25 mg tablet.

20 MG * 25 MG ORAL TABLET

00002408783	APO-QUINAPRIL/HCTZ	APX	\$ 0.2503	\$ 0.4602
00002473321	AURO-QUINAPRIL HCTZ	AUR	\$ 0.2503	\$ 0.4602
00002237369	ACCURETIC 20/25	PFI	\$ 0.2503	\$ 0.9423

MAC pricing will be applied based on the LCA Price for Lisinopril/ Hydrochlorothiazide 1 x 20 mg/25 mg tablet.

SODIUM CROMOGLYATE**100 MG ORAL CAPSULE**

00000500895	NALCROM	SAV	\$	1.5755
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SYNTHETIC CALCITONIN SALMON (SALCATONIN)**200 IU / ML INJECTION**

00001926691	CALCIMAR	SAV	\$	30.4800
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TERBINAFINE HCL**250 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET**

00002254727	ACT TERBINAFINE	APH	\$	0.7714
00002239893	APO-TERBINAFINE	APX	\$	0.7714
00002320134	AURO-TERBINAFINE	AUR	\$	0.7714
00002294273	PMS-TERBINAFINE	PMS	\$	0.7714
00002353121	TERBINAFINE	SNS	\$	0.7714
00002385279	TERBINAFINE	SIV	\$	0.7714
00002031116	LAMISIL	NOV	\$	4.3032

1% TOPICAL CREAM

00002031094	LAMISIL	NOV	\$	0.5480
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1% TOPICAL SOLUTION

00002238703	LAMISIL	NOV	\$	0.5560
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TESTOSTERONE CYPIONATE**100 MG / ML INJECTION**

00000030783	DEPO-TESTOSTERONE CYPIONATE	PFI	\$	4.4681
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THYROTROPIN ALFA**0.9 MG / VIAL INJECTION**

00002246016	THYROGEN	GZM	\$	871.2950
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ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

TOLTERODINE L-TARTRATE

2 MG ORAL EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE				
00002404184	MYLAN-TOLTERODINE ER	MYP	\$	0.4911
00002413140	SANDOZ TOLTERODINE LA	SDZ	\$	0.4911
00002412195	TEVA-TOLTERODINE LA	TEV	\$	0.4911
00002244612	DETROL LA	PFI	\$	2.0433
4 MG ORAL EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE				
00002404192	MYLAN-TOLTERODINE ER	MYP	\$	0.4911
00002413159	SANDOZ TOLTERODINE LA	SDZ	\$	0.4911
00002412209	TEVA-TOLTERODINE LA	TEV	\$	0.4911
00002244613	DETROL LA	PFI	\$	2.0433

TRIAMCINOLONE HEXACETONIDE

RESTRICTED BENEFIT - "This product is a benefit for patients up to 17 years of age inclusive for the treatment of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis."

20 MG / ML INJECTION				
00002470632	TRIAMCINOLONE HEXACETONIDE INJECTABLE SUSPENSION	MDX	\$	18.0000

VALSARTAN

80 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002414228	AURO-VALSARTAN	AUR	\$	0.2159
00002363100	RAN-VALSARTAN	RAN	\$	0.2159
00002356759	SANDOZ VALSARTAN	SDZ	\$	0.2159
00002356651	TEVA-VALSARTAN	TEV	\$	0.2159
00002244781	DIOVAN	NOV	\$	1.2832
160 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002414236	AURO-VALSARTAN	AUR	\$	0.2159
00002363119	RAN-VALSARTAN	RAN	\$	0.2159
00002356767	SANDOZ VALSARTAN	SDZ	\$	0.2159
00002356678	TEVA-VALSARTAN	TEV	\$	0.2159
00002244782	DIOVAN	NOV	\$	1.2825
320 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002414244	AURO-VALSARTAN	AUR	\$	0.2098
00002356775	SANDOZ VALSARTAN	SDZ	\$	0.2098
00002356686	TEVA-VALSARTAN	TEV	\$	0.2098
00002289504	DIOVAN	NOV	\$	1.2357

VALSARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE

80 MG * 12.5 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002408112	AURO-VALSARTAN HCT	AUR	\$	0.2213
00002356694	SANDOZ VALSARTAN HCT	SDZ	\$	0.2213
00002356996	TEVA-VALSARTAN/HCTZ	TEV	\$	0.2213
00002367009	VALSARTAN HCT	SNS	\$	0.2213
00002384736	VALSARTAN HCT	SIV	\$	0.2213
00002241900	DIOVAN-HCT	NOV	\$	1.2757
160 MG * 12.5 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002408120	AURO-VALSARTAN HCT	AUR	\$	0.2240
00002356708	SANDOZ VALSARTAN HCT	SDZ	\$	0.2240
00002357003	TEVA-VALSARTAN/HCTZ	TEV	\$	0.2240
00002367017	VALSARTAN HCT	SNS	\$	0.2240
00002384744	VALSARTAN HCT	SIV	\$	0.2240
00002241901	DIOVAN-HCT	NOV	\$	1.2807

VALSARTAN/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE

160 MG * 25 MG ORAL TABLET

00002408139	AURO-VALSARTAN HCT	AUR	\$	0.2238
00002356716	SANDOZ VALSARTAN HCT	SDZ	\$	0.2238
00002357011	TEVA-VALSARTAN/HCTZ	TEV	\$	0.2238
00002367025	VALSARTAN HCT	SNS	\$	0.2238
00002384752	VALSARTAN HCT	SIV	\$	0.2238
00002246955	DIOVAN-HCT	NOV	\$	1.2850

320 MG * 12.5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002408147	AURO-VALSARTAN HCT	AUR	\$	0.2235
00002356724	SANDOZ VALSARTAN HCT	SDZ	\$	0.2235
00002357038	TEVA-VALSARTAN/HCTZ	TEV	\$	0.2235
00002367033	VALSARTAN HCT	SNS	\$	0.2235
00002384760	VALSARTAN HCT	SIV	\$	0.2235
00002308908	DIOVAN-HCT	NOV	\$	1.2650

320 MG * 25 MG ORAL TABLET

00002408155	AURO-VALSARTAN HCT	AUR	\$	0.2231
00002356732	SANDOZ VALSARTAN HCT	SDZ	\$	0.2231
00002357046	TEVA-VALSARTAN/HCTZ	TEV	\$	0.2231
00002367041	VALSARTAN HCT	SNS	\$	0.2231
00002308916	DIOVAN-HCT	NOV	\$	1.2657

VARENICLINE TARTRATE

RESTRICTED BENEFIT - This product is a benefit in patients 18 years of age and older for smoking cessation treatment in conjunction with smoking cessation counseling. Coverage will be granted for a total of 12 weeks."

0.5 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002419882	APO-VARENICLINE	APX	\$	0.9237
00002426226	TEVA-VARENICLINE	TEV	\$	0.9237
00002291177	CHAMPIX	PFI	\$	1.8437

1 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002419890	APO-VARENICLINE	APX	\$	0.9235
00002426234	TEVA-VARENICLINE	TEV	\$	0.9235
00002291185	CHAMPIX	PFI	\$	1.8432

VARENICLINE TARTRATE/ VARENICLINE TARTRATE

RESTRICTED BENEFIT - This product is a benefit in patients 18 years of age and older for smoking cessation treatment in conjunction with smoking cessation counseling. Coverage will be granted for a total of 12 weeks.

0.5 MG * 1 MG ORAL TABLET

00002435675	APO-VARENICLINE (STARTER PACK)	APX	\$	0.9203
00002426781	TEVA-VARENICLINE (STARTER PACK)	TEV	\$	0.9203
00002298309	CHAMPIX (STARTER PACK)	PFI	\$	1.8370

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

VENLAFAXINE HCL

37.5 MG (BASE) ORAL EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE			
00002304317	ACT VENLAFAXINE XR	TEV	\$ 0.0913
00002331683	APO-VENLAFAXINE XR	APX	\$ 0.0913
00002452839	AURO-VENLAFAXINE XR	AUR	\$ 0.0913
00002278545	PMS-VENLAFAXINE XR	PMS	\$ 0.0913
00002380072	RAN-VENLAFAXINE XR	RAN	\$ 0.0913
00002310317	SANDOZ VENLAFAXINE XR	SDZ	\$ 0.0913
00002275023	TEVA-VENLAFAXINE XR	TEV	\$ 0.0913
00002354713	VENLAFAXINE XR	SNS	\$ 0.0913
00002385929	VENLAFAXINE XR	SIV	\$ 0.0913
00002237279	EFFEXOR XR	PFI	\$ 0.9864
75 MG (BASE) ORAL EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE			
00002304325	ACT VENLAFAXINE XR	TEV	\$ 0.1825
00002331691	APO-VENLAFAXINE XR	APX	\$ 0.1825
00002452847	AURO-VENLAFAXINE XR	AUR	\$ 0.1825
00002278553	PMS-VENLAFAXINE XR	PMS	\$ 0.1825
00002380080	RAN-VENLAFAXINE XR	RAN	\$ 0.1825
00002310325	SANDOZ VENLAFAXINE XR	SDZ	\$ 0.1825
00002354721	VENLAFAXINE XR	SNS	\$ 0.1825
00002385937	VENLAFAXINE XR	SIV	\$ 0.1825
00002237280	EFFEXOR XR	PFI	\$ 2.0010
150 MG (BASE) ORAL EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE			
00002304333	ACT VENLAFAXINE XR	TEV	\$ 0.1927
00002331705	APO-VENLAFAXINE XR	APX	\$ 0.1927
00002452855	AURO-VENLAFAXINE XR	AUR	\$ 0.1927
00002278561	PMS-VENLAFAXINE XR	PMS	\$ 0.1927
00002380099	RAN-VENLAFAXINE XR	RAN	\$ 0.1927
00002310333	SANDOZ VENLAFAXINE XR	SDZ	\$ 0.1927
00002275058	TEVA-VENLAFAXINE XR	TEV	\$ 0.1927
00002354748	VENLAFAXINE XR	SNS	\$ 0.1927
00002385945	VENLAFAXINE XR	SIV	\$ 0.1927
00002237282	EFFEXOR XR	PFI	\$ 2.1124

ZIPRASIDONE HYDROCHLORIDE MONOHYDRATE

20 MG (BASE) ORAL CAPSULE			
00002449544	AURO-ZIPRASIDONE	AUR	\$ 1.3784
00002298597	ZELDOX	PFI	\$ 1.8579
40 MG (BASE) ORAL CAPSULE			
00002449552	AURO-ZIPRASIDONE	AUR	\$ 1.5786
00002298600	ZELDOX	PFI	\$ 2.1282
60 MG (BASE) ORAL CAPSULE			
00002449560	AURO-ZIPRASIDONE	AUR	\$ 1.5786
00002298619	ZELDOX	PFI	\$ 2.1282
80 MG (BASE) ORAL CAPSULE			
00002449579	AURO-ZIPRASIDONE	AUR	\$ 1.5786
00002298627	ZELDOX	PFI	\$ 2.1282

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

00002458780	CCP-ZOLMITRIPTAN	CEL	\$	3.5375
00002477106	JAMP ZOLMITRIPTAN	JPC	\$	3.5375
00002421623	JAMP-ZOLMITRIPTAN	JPC	\$	3.5375
00002419521	MINT-ZOLMITRIPTAN	MPI	\$	3.5375
00002421534	NAT-ZOLMITRIPTAN	NTP	\$	3.5375
00002324229	PMS-ZOLMITRIPTAN	PMS	\$	3.5375
00002362988	SANDOZ ZOLMITRIPTAN	SDZ	\$	3.5375
00002313960	TEVA-ZOLMITRIPTAN	TEV	\$	3.5375
00002238660	ZOMIG	AZC	\$	14.9600

ZOPICLONE

5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002245077	APO-ZOPICLONE	APX	\$	0.0990
00002406969	JAMP-ZOPICLONE	JPC	\$	0.0990
00002386771	MAR-ZOPICLONE	MAR	\$	0.0990
00002391716	MINT-ZOPICLONE	MPI	\$	0.0990
00002243426	PMS-ZOPICLONE	PMS	\$	0.0990
00002267918	RAN-ZOPICLONE	RAN	\$	0.0990
00002246534	RATIO-ZOPICLONE	TEV	\$	0.0990
00002344122	ZOPICLONE	SNS	\$	0.0990
00002385821	ZOPICLONE	SIV	\$	0.0990
00002216167	IMOVANE	SAV	\$	1.0589

7.5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002218313	APO-ZOPICLONE	APX	\$	0.1250
00002406977	JAMP-ZOPICLONE	JPC	\$	0.1250
00002386798	MAR-ZOPICLONE	MAR	\$	0.1250
00002391724	MINT-ZOPICLONE	MPI	\$	0.1250
00002240606	PMS-ZOPICLONE	PMS	\$	0.1250
00002267926	RAN-ZOPICLONE	RAN	\$	0.1250
00002242481	RATIO-ZOPICLONE	TEV	\$	0.1250
00002008203	SANDOZ ZOPICLONE	SDZ	\$	0.1250
00002282445	ZOPICLONE	SNS	\$	0.1250
00002385848	ZOPICLONE	SIV	\$	0.1250
00001926799	IMOVANE	SAV	\$	1.3370

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 60032).

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

100 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002420155	ACT CELECOXIB	APH	\$	0.1279
00002418932	APO-CELECOXIB	APX	\$	0.1279
00002445670	AURO-CELECOXIB	AUR	\$	0.1279
00002426382	BIO-CELECOXIB	BMD	\$	0.1279
00002429675	CELECOXIB	SIV	\$	0.1279
00002424533	JAMP-CELECOXIB	JPC	\$	0.1279
00002420058	MAR-CELECOXIB	MAR	\$	0.1279
00002412497	MINT-CELECOXIB	MPI	\$	0.1279
00002355442	PMS-CELECOXIB	PMS	\$	0.1279
00002412373	RAN-CELECOXIB	RAN	\$	0.1279
00002442639	SDZ CELECOXIB	SDZ	\$	0.1279
00002239941	CELEBREX	PFI	\$	0.6992

200 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002420163	ACT CELECOXIB	APH	\$	0.2558
00002418940	APO-CELECOXIB	APX	\$	0.2558
00002445689	AURO-CELECOXIB	AUR	\$	0.2558
00002426390	BIO-CELECOXIB	BMD	\$	0.2558
00002429683	CELECOXIB	SIV	\$	0.2558
00002424541	JAMP-CELECOXIB	JPC	\$	0.2558
00002420066	MAR-CELECOXIB	MAR	\$	0.2558
00002412500	MINT-CELECOXIB	MPI	\$	0.2558
00002355450	PMS-CELECOXIB	PMS	\$	0.2558
00002412381	RAN-CELECOXIB	RAN	\$	0.2558
00002442647	SDZ CELECOXIB	SDZ	\$	0.2558
00002239942	CELEBREX	PFI	\$	1.3988

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

CYCLOSPORINE

"For the treatment of severe psoriasis in those patients where other standard therapy has failed. This drug product must be prescribed by a specialist in Dermatology."

"For the treatment of severe rheumatoid arthritis in patients who are unable to tolerate or have failed an adequate trial of methotrexate. This drug product must be prescribed by a specialist in Rheumatology (or by a Specialist in Internal Medicine with an interest in Rheumatology on a case-by-case basis, in geographic areas where access to this specialty is not available)."

"For the treatment of steroid dependent and steroid resistant nephrotic syndrome. Consideration will be given where cyclosporine is used for the induction and maintenance of remissions or for the maintenance of steroid induced remissions. This drug product must be prescribed by a specialist in Pediatrics or Nephrology."

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

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

10 MG ORAL CAPSULE				
00002237671	NEORAL	NOV	\$	0.6495
25 MG ORAL CAPSULE				
00002247073	SANDOZ CYCLOSPORINE	SDZ	\$	1.3050
00002150689	NEORAL	NOV	\$	1.5100
50 MG ORAL CAPSULE				
00002247074	SANDOZ CYCLOSPORINE	SDZ	\$	2.5450
00002150662	NEORAL	NOV	\$	2.9450
100 MG ORAL CAPSULE				
00002242821	SANDOZ CYCLOSPORINE	SDZ	\$	5.0900
00002150670	NEORAL	NOV	\$	5.8920
100 MG / ML ORAL SOLUTION				
00002150697	NEORAL	NOV	\$	5.2386

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DEFERASIROX

The drug product(s) listed below are eligible for coverage via the step therapy/special authorization process.

FIRST-LINE DRUG PRODUCT(S): DEFEROXAMINE

"For patients who require iron chelation therapy but who have an inadequate response to a sufficient trial (i.e. a minimum of 6 months) of deferoxamine, or for whom deferoxamine is contraindicated.

Contraindications may include one or more of the following: known or suspected sensitivity to deferoxamine, recurrent injection or infusion-site reactions associated with deferoxamine administration (e.g., cellulitis), inability to obtain or maintain vascular access, severe needle phobia, concomitant bleeding disorders, immunocompromised patients with a risk of infection with parenteral administration, or risk of bleeding due to anticoagulation.

According to the product monograph, Jadenu (deferasirox) is contraindicated in high risk myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) patients, any other MDS patient with a life expectancy less than one year and patients with other hematological and nonhematological malignancies who are not expected to benefit from chelation therapy due to the rapid progression of their disease.

Special authorization may be granted for 24 months."

Note: If a claim for the Step therapy drug product is rejected, pharmacists can use their professional judgment to determine the appropriateness of using the intervention code(s) noted below to re-submit a claim. The pharmacist is responsible to document on the patient's record the rationale for using the second-line therapy drug.

UP - First-line therapy ineffective
UQ - First-line therapy not tolerated

90 MG ORAL TABLET

00002485265	APO-DEFERASIROX (TYPE J)	APX	\$	7.8908
00002452219	JADENU	NOV	\$	10.5210

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UP - First-line therapy ineffective
UQ - First-line therapy not tolerated

180 MG ORAL TABLET

00002485273	APO-DEFERASIROX (TYPE J)	APX	\$	15.7830
00002452227	JADENU	NOV	\$	21.0440

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Special authorization may be granted for 24 months."

Note: If a claim for the Step therapy drug product is rejected, pharmacists can use their professional judgment to determine the appropriateness of using the intervention code(s) noted below to re-submit a claim. The pharmacist is responsible to document on the patient's record the rationale for using the second-line therapy drug.

UP - First-line therapy ineffective

UQ - First-line therapy not tolerated

360 MG ORAL TABLET

00002485281	APO-DEFERASIROX (TYPE J)	APX	\$	31.5683
00002452235	JADENU	NOV	\$	42.0910

125 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET FOR SUSPENSION

00002461544	APO-DEFERASIROX	APX	\$	2.6204
00002464454	SANDOZ DEFERASIROX	SDZ	\$	2.6204
00002463520	TARO-DEFERASIROX	TAR	\$	2.6204
00002287420	EXJADE	NOV	\$	10.6625

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DEFERASIROX

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According to the product monograph, Exjade (deferasirox) is contraindicated in high risk myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) patients, any other MDS patient with a life expectancy less than one year and patients with other hematological and nonhematological malignancies who are not expected to benefit from chelation therapy due to the rapid progression of their disease.

Special authorization may be granted for 24 months."

Note: If a claim for the Step therapy drug product is rejected, pharmacists can use their professional judgment to determine the appropriateness of using the intervention code(s) noted below to re-submit a claim. The pharmacist is responsible to document on the patient's record the rationale for using the second-line therapy drug.

UP - First-line therapy ineffective
UQ - First-line therapy not tolerated

250 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET FOR SUSPENSION

00002461552	APO-DEFERASIROX	APX	\$	5.2410
00002464462	SANDOZ DEFERASIROX	SDZ	\$	5.2410
00002463539	TARO-DEFERASIROX	TAR	\$	5.2410
00002287439	EXJADE	NOV	\$	21.3257

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DEFERASIROX

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Contraindications may include one or more of the following: known or suspected sensitivity to deferoxamine, recurrent injection or infusion-site reactions associated with deferoxamine administration (e.g., cellulitis), inability to obtain or maintain vascular access, severe needle phobia, concomitant bleeding disorders, immunocompromised patients with a risk of infection with parenteral administration, or risk of bleeding due to anticoagulation.

According to the product monograph, Exjade (deferasirox) is contraindicated in high risk myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) patients, any other MDS patient with a life expectancy less than one year and patients with other hematological and nonhematological malignancies who are not expected to benefit from chelation therapy due to the rapid progression of their disease.

Special authorization may be granted for 24 months."

Note: If a claim for the Step therapy drug product is rejected, pharmacists can use their professional judgment to determine the appropriateness of using the intervention code(s) noted below to re-submit a claim. The pharmacist is responsible to document on the patient's record the rationale for using the second-line therapy drug.

UP - First-line therapy ineffective
UQ - First-line therapy not tolerated

500 MG ORAL DISPERSIBLE TABLET FOR SUSPENSION

00002461560	APO-DEFERASIROX	APX	\$	10.4824
00002464470	SANDOZ DEFERASIROX	SDZ	\$	10.4824
00002287447	EXJADE	NOV	\$	42.6532

EPLERENONE

"For persons suffering from New York Heart Association (NYHA) class II chronic heart failure with left ventricular systolic dysfunction with ejection fraction less than or equal to 35 per cent, as a complement to standard therapy."

Special authorization will be granted for 12 months.

This product is eligible for auto-renewal.

All requests (including renewal requests) for eplerenone must be completed using the Eplerenone/Ivabradine/Sacubitril+Valstartan Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60050).

25 MG ORAL TABLET

00002471442	MINT-EPLERENONE	MPI	\$	2.0595
00002323052	INSPRA	PFI	\$	2.7815

50 MG ORAL TABLET

00002471450	MINT-EPLERENONE	MPI	\$	2.0595
00002323060	INSPRA	PFI	\$	2.7815

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FEBUXOSTAT

"For the treatment of symptomatic gout in patients with a documented hypersensitivity to allopurinol.

Special authorization may be granted for 6 months."

Please note: Hypersensitivity to allopurinol is a rare condition that is characterized by a major skin manifestation, fever, multi-organ involvement, lymphadenopathy and hematological abnormalities (eosinophilia, atypical lymphocytes). Intolerance or lack of response to allopurinol will not be covered by this criteria.

All requests for febuxostat must be completed using the Febuxostat Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60037).

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

80 MG ORAL TABLET

00002490870	JAMP-FEBUXOSTAT	JPC	\$	0.7950
00002473607	MAR-FEBUXOSTAT	MAR	\$	0.7950
00002357380	ULORIC	TAK	\$	1.5900

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INFANT FORMULA

ORAL POWDER

00000999543 PURAMINO A+ MJO \$ 0.1275

"For the dietary management of infants with:
-cow milk protein allergy OR
-soy protein allergy OR
-multiple food protein intolerance OR
-conditions where an amino acid-based diet is indicated:
-short bowel syndrome
-gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
-eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE)
-malabsorption.

AND

Who have failed or are intolerant to an appropriate trial (1 to 2 week trial is recommended) of an extensively hydrolyzed infant formula.

This product must be prescribed by or in consultation with a general pediatrician, neonatologist, pediatric gastroenterologist or pediatric allergist.

Special authorization may be granted for a maximum of 24 months."

(Refer to Criteria for Special Authorization of Select Drug Products in the Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement for eligibility in Alberta Human Services clients.)

00000999568 NEOCATE WITH DHA & ARA NUN \$ 0.1581

"For the dietary management of infants with:
-cow milk protein allergy OR
-soy protein allergy OR
-multiple food protein intolerance OR
-conditions where an amino acid-based diet is indicated:
-short bowel syndrome
-gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
-eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE)
-malabsorption.

AND

Who have failed or are intolerant to an appropriate trial (1 to 2 week trial is recommended) of an extensively hydrolyzed infant formula.

This product must be prescribed by or in consultation with a general pediatrician, neonatologist, pediatric gastroenterologist or pediatric allergist.

Special authorization may be granted for a maximum of 24 months."

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LACOSAMIDE

"For adjunctive therapy in patients with refractory partial-onset seizures who meet all of the following criteria:

- Are currently receiving two or more antiepileptic medications, AND
- Have failed or demonstrated intolerance to three other antiepileptic medications, AND
- Therapy must be initiated by a Neurologist.

For the purpose of administering these criteria failure is defined as inability to achieve satisfactory seizure control.

Special authorization may be granted for six months.

Coverage cannot be provided for brivaracetam, eslicarbazepine, lacosamide or perampanel when these medications are intended for use in combination."

Each of these products is eligible for auto-renewal.

50 MG ORAL TABLET

00002475332	AURO-LACOSAMIDE	AUR	\$	0.6313
00002488388	JAMP-LACOSAMIDE	JPC	\$	0.6313
00002487802	MAR-LACOSAMIDE	MAR	\$	0.6313
00002490544	MINT-LACOSAMIDE	MPI	\$	0.6313
00002478196	PHARMA-LACOSAMIDE	PMS	\$	0.6313
00002474670	SANDOZ LACOSAMIDE	SDZ	\$	0.6313
00002472902	TEVA-LACOSAMIDE	TEV	\$	0.6313
00002357615	VIMPAT	UCB	\$	2.4093

100 MG ORAL TABLET

00002475340	AURO-LACOSAMIDE	AUR	\$	0.8750
00002488396	JAMP-LACOSAMIDE	JPC	\$	0.8750
00002487810	MAR-LACOSAMIDE	MAR	\$	0.8750
00002490552	MINT-LACOSAMIDE	MPI	\$	0.8750
00002478218	PHARMA-LACOSAMIDE	PMS	\$	0.8750
00002474689	SANDOZ LACOSAMIDE	SDZ	\$	0.8750
00002472910	TEVA-LACOSAMIDE	TEV	\$	0.8750
00002357623	VIMPAT	UCB	\$	3.4477

150 MG ORAL TABLET

00002475359	AURO-LACOSAMIDE	AUR	\$	1.1763
00002488418	JAMP-LACOSAMIDE	JPC	\$	1.1763
00002487829	MAR-LACOSAMIDE	MAR	\$	1.1763
00002490560	MINT-LACOSAMIDE	MPI	\$	1.1763
00002478226	PHARMA-LACOSAMIDE	PMS	\$	1.1763
00002474697	SANDOZ LACOSAMIDE	SDZ	\$	1.1763
00002472929	TEVA-LACOSAMIDE	TEV	\$	1.1763
00002357631	VIMPAT	UCB	\$	4.4862

200 MG ORAL TABLET

00002475367	AURO-LACOSAMIDE	AUR	\$	1.4500
00002488426	JAMP-LACOSAMIDE	JPC	\$	1.4500
00002487837	MAR-LACOSAMIDE	MAR	\$	1.4500
00002490579	MINT-LACOSAMIDE	MPI	\$	1.4500
00002478234	PHARMA-LACOSAMIDE	PMS	\$	1.4500
00002474700	SANDOZ LACOSAMIDE	SDZ	\$	1.4500
00002472937	TEVA-LACOSAMIDE	TEV	\$	1.4500
00002357658	VIMPAT	UCB	\$	5.5247

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**METHYLPREDNISOLONE ACETATE/ NEOMYCIN SULFATE/
ALUMINUM CHLORHYDROXIDE COMPLEX/ SULFUR**

"For the treatment of severe acne as defined by scarring acne."

"For the treatment of acne rosacea and seborrheic dermatitis."

"Special authorization may be granted for 6 months."

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

2.5 MG / ML * 2.5 MG / ML * 100 MG / ML * 50 MG / ML	TOPICAL	LOTION		
00000195057	NEO-MEDROL ACNE	PFI	\$	0.2906

OMALIZUMAB

Asthma

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for adults and adolescents (12 years of age and above) with severe persistent asthma who are identified as having severe disease despite optimized standard therapy. Optimized standard therapy defined by a full trial of, and documented compliance with:

- high dose inhaled corticosteroid (budesonide 1600 micrograms per day or fluticasone propionate 1000 micrograms per day or equivalent) for at least twelve (12) months; AND,
- long-acting beta-2 agonist therapy (at least salmeterol 50 micrograms daily or 24 micrograms of formoterol fumarate daily) for at least twelve (12) months; AND,
- Therapeutic trial with systemic corticosteroids (at least 10mg per day prednisolone (or equivalent)) for at least 4 weeks in the previous twelve (12) months, unless contraindicated or not tolerated.

For coverage, the drug must be initiated and monitored by a respirologist or clinical immunologist or allergist and meet the following clinical criteria (Initial Coverage or Continued Coverage, as appropriate). Patients will be limited to receiving a one (1) month supply of omalizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.

INITIAL COVERAGE:

Special authorization requests must meet all of the following criteria for initial approval:

- 1) Confirmation of severe persistent asthma through recent clinical and physiologic review with exclusion of other obstructive airways processes contributing to symptoms of severe asthma (i.e. psychogenic dyspnea; cardiac dyspnea);
- 2) Must be a non-smoker;
- 3) Confirmation of IgE mediated allergy to a perennial allergen by clinical history and allergy skin testing;
- 4) Baseline IgE level greater than/equal to 30 IU/mL and less than/equal to 700 IU/mL;
- 5) A weight between 20kg and 150kg;
- 6) An Asthma Control Questionnaire (ACQ-5) of at least 1.25, on at least two occasions over the past 6 months in a stable state;
- 7) Must provide documentation:
 - Spirometry measurement of FEV₁;
 - Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire (AQLQ - Juniper) score;
 - Number of exacerbations of asthma within the previous twelve (12) month period that resulted in:
 - an emergency room visit or hospitalization;
 - physician visits resulting in oral corticosteroids or an increased dose of oral corticosteroids;
 - chronic use (greater than 50% of the year) of oral corticosteroids;
- 8) One (1) or more severe exacerbations of asthma requiring a hospital admission or Emergency Room visit within the previous year while on systemic corticosteroids; OR
 - One (1) or more severe exacerbations of asthma requiring a hospital admission or Emergency Room visit requiring documented use of systemic corticosteroids (oral corticosteroids initiated or increased for at least three (3) days, or parenteral corticosteroids); OR
 - Three (3) or more severe exacerbations of asthma within the previous year which required a physician visit and resulted in courses (or chronic use greater than 50% of the year), or increased dose of systemic corticosteroids.

Initial coverage may be approved for twenty-eight (28) weeks of up to 375 mg administered every 2 weeks based on the recommended dose and dosage adjustment outlined in the Health

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CONTINUED MAINTENANCE TREATMENT:

A patient must be assessed for response to initial coverage of omalizumab with a minimum of twenty-four (24) weeks of therapy with omalizumab, and this assessment must be submitted to Alberta Blue Cross no later than four (4) weeks from the date of assessment.

The assessment must be done by a respirologist or clinical immunologist or allergist or such other clinicians as the Minister may designate. If the following criteria are met, special authorization may be granted for a further twelve (12) month period. Continued coverage may be considered if the following criteria are met at the end of each additional twelve (12) month period:

- 1) Demonstrated that the patient has an Improvement in FEV1 greater than 12% (and for adults a minimum greater than 200 mL) from initiation of therapy; OR
Unchanged FEV1 with a clinically meaningful Improvement in Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire score from baseline (greater than/equal to 0.5 mean from baseline); AND
- a decrease in the ACQ-5 of at least 0.5; OR
- a ACQ-5 score of less than/equal to 1.
- 2) Patients must demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in the number of exacerbations, which required oral corticosteroids from the twelve (12) months prior to initiation of omalizumab that required systemic corticosteroids; OR
For patients that were on chronic (greater than 50% of the year) courses of oral corticosteroids in the twelve (12) months prior to initiation of omalizumab, tapering of oral corticosteroid use by at least 25% from baseline.
- 3) A reduction in the number of exacerbations that have led to a hospital admission or emergency room visits, compared to the twelve (12) months prior to the commencement of omalizumab."

All requests (including renewal requests) for omalizumab for Asthma must be completed using the Omalizumab for Asthma Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60020).

Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria

"For the treatment of adults and adolescents (12 years of age and above) with moderate to severe chronic idiopathic urticaria (CIU), defined as having a baseline Urticaria Activity Score over 7 days (UAS7) of greater than or equal to 16, who remain symptomatic (presence of hives and/or associated itching) despite optimum management with available oral therapies. Oral therapies should include a therapeutic trial with H1 antihistamines, unless contraindicated or not tolerated.

For coverage, the drug must be initiated and monitored by a Specialist in Dermatology, Clinical Immunology or Allergy.

Coverage may be approved for a period of 24 weeks at a maximum dose of 300 mg every 4 weeks.

Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of omalizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.

Patients are limited to receiving one biologic agent at a time regardless of the condition for which it is being prescribed.

Continued coverage of a further 24-week treatment period may be considered if the patient has experienced:

- complete symptom control (i.e., UAS7 of 0) for less than 12 consecutive weeks; OR
- partial symptom control, with a reduction in baseline UAS7 of greater than or equal to 9.5 points.

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OMALIZUMAB

Treatment cessation should be considered for patients who experience complete symptom control for at least 12 consecutive weeks at the end of a 24-week treatment period.

In patients where treatment is discontinued due to temporary symptom control, treatment re-initiation should be considered should CIU symptoms reappear."

All requests (including renewal requests) for omalizumab for Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria must be completed using the Omalizumab for Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60056).

150 MG / VIAL INJECTION			
00002260565	XOLAIR	NOV	\$ 628.8400

RIVASTIGMINE HYDROGEN TARTRATE

"For the treatment of Alzheimer's disease in patients with an MMSE (Mini Mental State Exam) score between 10-26 and/or an InterRAI-Cognitive Performance Scale score between 1-4.

Coverage cannot be provided for two or more medications used in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease (donepezil, galantamine, rivastigmine) when these medications are intended for use in combination.

Special authorization coverage may be granted for a maximum of 24 months per request.

For each request, an updated MMSE score or InterRAI-Cognitive Performance Scale score and the date on which the exam was administered must be provided.

Renewal requests may be considered for patients where the updated MMSE score is 10 or higher or the InterRAI-Cognitive Performance Scale is 4 or lower while on this drug."

All requests (including renewal requests) for rivastigmine hydrogen tartrate must be completed using the Donepezil/Galantamine/Rivastigmine Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60034).

1.5 MG (BASE) ORAL CAPSULE			
00002336715	APO-RIVASTIGMINE	APX	\$ 0.6514
00002485362	JAMP RIVASTIGMINE	JPC	\$ 0.6514
00002401614	MED-RIVASTIGMINE	GMP	\$ 0.6514
00002324563	SANDOZ RIVASTIGMINE	SDZ	\$ 0.6514
00002242115	EXELON	NOV	\$ 2.7725
3 MG (BASE) ORAL CAPSULE			
00002336723	APO-RIVASTIGMINE	APX	\$ 0.6514
00002485370	JAMP RIVASTIGMINE	JPC	\$ 0.6514
00002401622	MED-RIVASTIGMINE	GMP	\$ 0.6514
00002324571	SANDOZ RIVASTIGMINE	SDZ	\$ 0.6514
00002242116	EXELON	NOV	\$ 2.7725
4.5 MG (BASE) ORAL CAPSULE			
00002336731	APO-RIVASTIGMINE	APX	\$ 0.6514
00002485389	JAMP RIVASTIGMINE	JPC	\$ 0.6514
00002401630	MED-RIVASTIGMINE	GMP	\$ 0.6514
00002324598	SANDOZ RIVASTIGMINE	SDZ	\$ 0.6514
00002242117	EXELON	NOV	\$ 2.7725

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6 MG (BASE) ORAL CAPSULE				
00002336758	APO-RIVASTIGMINE	APX	\$	0.6514
00002485397	JAMP RIVASTIGMINE	JPC	\$	0.6514
00002401649	MED-RIVASTIGMINE	GMP	\$	0.6514
00002324601	SANDOZ RIVASTIGMINE	SDZ	\$	0.6514
00002242118	EXELON	NOV	\$	2.7725
2 MG / ML (BASE) ORAL SOLUTION				
00002245240	EXELON	NOV	\$	1.4575

SACUBITRIL/ VALSARTAN

"For the treatment of heart failure (HF) in patients with the following criteria:

- 1) reduced left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) (< 40%)
And
- 2) New York Heart Association (NYHA) class II or III HF symptoms despite at least FOUR weeks of treatment with:
 - a stable dose of an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) or an angiotensin II receptor antagonist (ARB)
 - in combination with a beta-blocker and other recommended therapies, including an aldosterone antagonist (if tolerable)
 And
- 3) who have Plasma B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP) \geq 150 pg/mL or N-terminal prohormone B-type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP) \geq 600 pg/mL; or
 - if the patient has been hospitalized for HF within the past 12 months and has plasma BNP \geq 100 pg/mL or NT-proBNP \geq 400 pg/mL levels

For coverage, this drug must be initiated by a Specialist in Cardiology or Internal Medicine, and the initial request must be completed by the Specialist.

Special authorization may be granted for six months."

This product is eligible for auto-renewal.

All requests (including renewal requests) for sacubitril+valsartan must be completed using the Eplerenone/Ivabradine/Sacubitril+Valsartan Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60050).

24.3 MG * 25.7 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002446928	ENTRESTO	NOV	\$	3.7060
48.6 MG * 51.4 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002446936	ENTRESTO	NOV	\$	3.7060
97.2 MG * 102.8 MG ORAL TABLET				
00002446944	ENTRESTO	NOV	\$	3.7060

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SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE

The drug product(s) listed below are eligible for coverage via the step therapy/special authorization process.

ASTHMA

FIRST-LINE DRUG PRODUCT(S): INHALED CORTICOSTEROID (ICS)

"For the treatment of asthma in patients uncontrolled on inhaled steroid therapy."

"Special authorization may be granted for 24 months."

Note: If a claim for the Step therapy drug product is rejected, pharmacists can use their professional judgment to determine the appropriateness of using the intervention code(s) noted below to re-submit a claim. The pharmacist is responsible to document on the patient's record the rationale for using the second-line therapy drug.

UP - First-line therapy ineffective

All requests for salmeterol xinafoate + fluticasone propionate must be completed using the Long-Acting Fixed-Dose Combination Products for Asthma/COPD Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60025).

50 MCG / DOSE (BASE)	* 100 MCG / DOSE	INHALATION	METERED INHALATION POWDER		
00002494507	PMS-FLUTICASONE/SALMETEROL DPI	PMS		\$	0.7068
00002495597	WIXELA INHUB	MYP		\$	0.7068
00002240835	ADVAIR 100 DISKUS	GSK		\$	1.4478

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SALMETEROL XINAFOATE/ FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE

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ASTHMA

FIRST-LINE DRUG PRODUCT(S): INHALED CORTICOSTEROID (ICS)

"For the treatment of asthma in patients uncontrolled on inhaled steroid therapy."

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)

FIRST-LINE DRUG PRODUCT(S): LONG-ACTING BRONCHODILATOR (I.E., LONG-ACTING BETA-2 AGONIST [LABA] OR LONG-ACTING MUSCARINIC ANTAGONIST [LAMA])

"For the long-term maintenance treatment of airflow obstruction in patients with moderate to severe (i.e., FEV1 < 80% predicted) chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), who have an inadequate response to a long-acting bronchodilator (long-acting beta-2 agonist [LABA] or long-acting muscarinic antagonist [LAMA])."

"For the long-term maintenance treatment of airflow obstruction in patients with severe (i.e., FEV1 < 50% predicted) chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)."

"Special authorization may be granted for 24 months."

Note: If a claim for the Step therapy drug product is rejected, pharmacists can use their professional judgment to determine the appropriateness of using the intervention code(s) noted below to re-submit a claim. The pharmacist is responsible to document on the patient's record the rationale for using the second-line therapy drug.

UP - First-line therapy ineffective

All requests for salmeterol xinafoate + fluticasone propionate must be completed using the Long-Acting Fixed-Dose Combination Products for Asthma/COPD Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60025).

50 MCG / DOSE (BASE)	* 250 MCG / DOSE	INHALATION	METERED INHALATION POWDER		
00002494515	PMS-FLUTICASONE/SALMETEROL DPI	PMS		\$	0.8460
00002495600	WIXELA INHUB	MYP		\$	0.8460
00002240836	ADVAIR 250 DISKUS	GSK		\$	1.7331

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ASTHMA

FIRST-LINE DRUG PRODUCT(S): INHALED CORTICOSTEROID (ICS)

"For the treatment of asthma in patients uncontrolled on inhaled steroid therapy."

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)

FIRST-LINE DRUG PRODUCT(S): LONG-ACTING BRONCHODILATOR (I.E., LONG-ACTING BETA-2 AGONIST [LABA] OR LONG-ACTING MUSCARINIC ANTAGONIST [LAMA])

"For the long-term maintenance treatment of airflow obstruction in patients with moderate to severe (i.e., FEV1 < 80% predicted) chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), who have an inadequate response to a long-acting bronchodilator (long-acting beta-2 agonist [LABA] or long-acting muscarinic antagonist [LAMA])."

"For the long-term maintenance treatment of airflow obstruction in patients with severe (i.e., FEV1 < 50% predicted) chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)."

"Special authorization may be granted for 24 months."

Note: If a claim for the Step therapy drug product is rejected, pharmacists can use their professional judgment to determine the appropriateness of using the intervention code(s) noted below to re-submit a claim. The pharmacist is responsible to document on the patient's record the rationale for using the second-line therapy drug.

UP - First-line therapy ineffective

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50 MCG / DOSE (BASE)	* 500 MCG / DOSE	INHALATION	METERED INHALATION POWDER		
00002494523	PMS-FLUTICASONE/SALMETEROL DPI	PMS		\$	1.2010
00002495619	WIXELA INHUB	MYP		\$	1.2010
00002240837	ADVAIR 500 DISKUS	GSK		\$	2.4604

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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)

'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.

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

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

Initial coverage may be approved for up to 200 mg of sarilumab given subcutaneously every 2 weeks for 12 weeks.

- Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of sarilumab 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 continued coverage beyond 12 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after 12 weeks to determine response.
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:

- ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND

- An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].

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.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for one subcutaneous dose of up to 200 mg every 2 weeks for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:
 - confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, OR
 - maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.
- 3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal

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requests.

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."

All requests (including renewal requests) for sarilumab for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the Abatacept/Adalimumab/Anakinra/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Sarilumab/Tocilizumab/Tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60027).

150 MG / SYR INJECTION

00002472961	KEVZARA (PREFILLED PEN)	SAV	\$	721.0000
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200 MG / SYR INJECTION

00002472988	KEVZARA (PREFILLED PEN)	SAV	\$	721.0000
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150 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE

00002460521	KEVZARA	SAV	\$	721.0000
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200 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE

00002460548	KEVZARA	SAV	\$	721.0000
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Plaque Psoriasis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the reduction in signs and symptoms of severe, debilitating plaque psoriasis in patients who:

- Have a total PASI of 10 or more and a DLQI of more than 10, OR
- Who have significant involvement of the face, palms of the hands, soles of the feet or genital region; AND
- 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 experience gastrointestinal intolerance to PO methotrexate must have a trial of parenteral methotrexate before being accepted as refractory, OR
 - Cyclosporine (6 weeks treatment); AND
 - Phototherapy (unless restricted by geographic location)

Patients who have a contraindication to either cyclosporine or methotrexate will be required to complete an adequate trial of the other pre-requisite medication prior to potential coverage being considered.

'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 prescribed by a Specialist in Dermatology ("Dermatology Specialist").

Initial coverage may be approved for 12 weeks as follows:

- Four weekly doses of 300 mg of secukinumab at weeks 0, 1, 2 and 3, followed by monthly dosing at weeks 4, 8 and 12.
- Patients will be limited to receiving two doses of secukinumab per prescription at their pharmacy during the initial 3 weeks, then one dose per prescription thereafter. Each 300 mg dose is provided as two subcutaneous injections of 150 mg.
- Patients will be permitted to switch from one biologic agent to another 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 the 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 are limited to receiving one biologic agent at a time regardless of the condition for which it is being prescribed.

For continued coverage beyond seven doses, the patient must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by a Dermatology Specialist after the initial seven doses to determine response.
- 2) The Dermatology Specialist must confirm, in writing, that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
 - Greater than or equal to 75% reduction in PASI score, OR
 - Greater than or equal to 50% reduction in PASI score AND improvement of greater than or equal to 5 points in the DLQI.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be considered for one 300 mg dose of secukinumab every month for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered if the patient is re-assessed by a Dermatology Specialist every 12 months and is confirmed to be continuing to respond to therapy by meeting criteria as outlined in (2) above."

PASI and DLQI scores are required for all requests for Plaque Psoriasis including those requests for patients that have significant involvement of the face, palms, soles of feet or genital region.

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All requests (including renewal requests) for secukinumab for Plaque Psoriasis must be completed using the Adalimumab/Etanercept/Infliximab/Ixekizumab/Risankizumab/Secukinumab/Ustekinumab for Plaque Psoriasis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60030).

Psoriatic Arthritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for use in combination with methotrexate for reducing signs and symptoms and inhibiting the progression of structural damage of active arthritis in adult patients (18 years of age or older) with moderate to severe polyarticular psoriatic arthritis (PsA) or pauciarticular PsA with involvement of knee or hip joint 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
- An adequate trial of another disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent(s) (minimum 4 month trial).

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'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 16 weeks as follows:

- Four weekly doses of 150 mg of secukinumab at weeks 0, 1, 2 and 3, followed by monthly dosing at weeks 4, 8, 12 and 16. A dose of 300 mg (given as 2 subcutaneous injections of 150 mg each) may be considered for anti-TNF alpha inadequate responders.
- Patients will be limited to receiving two doses of secukinumab per prescription at their pharmacy during the initial 3 weeks, then one dose per prescription thereafter.
- Patients will be permitted to switch from one biologic agent to another 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 are limited to receiving one biologic agent at a time regardless of the condition for which it is being prescribed.

For continued coverage beyond eight doses, the patient must meet the following criteria:

1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after the initial eight doses to determine response.

2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:

- ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND
- An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].

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.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be considered for one 150 mg (or 300 mg for anti-TNF alpha inadequate responders) dose of secukinumab every month for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;

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2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:

- Confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, or
- Maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.

3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.

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."

All requests (including renewal requests) for secukinumab for Psoriatic Arthritis must be completed using the Adalimumab/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Ixekizumab/Secukinumab for Psoriatic Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60029).

Ankylosing Spondylitis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the reduction in the signs and symptoms of severely active Ankylosing Spondylitis, as defined by the Modified New York criteria for Ankylosing Spondylitis, in adult patients (18 years of age or older) who have active disease as demonstrated by:

- a BASDAI greater than or equal to 4 units, demonstrated on 2 occasions at least 8 weeks apart AND
- a Spinal Pain VAS of greater than or equal to 4 cm (on a 0-10 cm scale), demonstrated on 2 occasions at least 8 weeks apart AND
- who are refractory or intolerant to treatment with 2 or more NSAIDS each taken for a minimum of 4 weeks at maximum tolerated or recommended doses.

'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 16 weeks as follows:

- Four weekly doses of 150 mg of secukinumab at weeks 0, 1, 2 and 3, followed by monthly dosing at weeks 4, 8, 12 and 16.
- Patients will be limited to receiving two doses of secukinumab per prescription at their pharmacy during the initial 3 weeks, then one dose per prescription thereafter.
- Patients will be permitted to switch from one biologic agent to another 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 are limited to receiving one biologic agent at a time regardless of the condition for which it is being prescribed.

For continued coverage beyond eight doses, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after the initial eight doses to determine response.
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm, in writing, that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
 - Reduction of the BASDAI score by at least 50% of the pre-treatment value or by 2 or more units, AND
 - Reduction of the Spinal Pain VAS by 2 cm or more.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be considered for one 150 mg dose of secukinumab every month for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered if

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the patient is re-assessed by an RA Specialist every 12 months and is confirmed to be continuing to respond to therapy by meeting criteria as outlined in (2) above."

All requests (including renewal requests) for secukinumab for Ankylosing Spondylitis must be completed using the Adalimumab/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Secukinumab for Ankylosing Spondylitis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60028).

150 MG / ML INJECTION SYRINGE

00002438070 COSENTYX

NOV

\$ 831.1100

TERIFLUNOMIDE

Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis (RRMS):

Special authorization coverage may be provided for the reduction of the frequency and severity of clinical relapses and reduction of the number and volume of active brain lesions, identified on MRI scans, in ambulatory patients with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis.

Coverage

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a registered MS Neurologist. A current assessment must be completed by a registered MS Neurologist at every request.

To register to become an MS Neurologist please complete the Registration for MS Neurologist Status Form (ABC 60002).

Initial Coverage

- 1) The registered MS Neurologist must confirm a diagnosis of RRMS;
- 2) The patient must have active disease which is defined as at least two relapses* of MS during the previous two years or in the two years prior to starting an MS disease modifying therapy (DMT).

*A relapse is defined as the appearance of new symptoms or worsening of old symptoms, lasting at least 48 hours in the absence of fever, not associated with withdrawal from steroids. Onset of clinical relapses must be separated by a period of at least one month. At least one definite gadolinium-enhancing T1 MRI lesion (not questionable faint enhancement) obtained at least 90 days after initiation of the DMT and at least 90 days before or after a relapse may substitute for one clinical relapse.

- 3) The patient must be ambulatory with or without aid (The registered MS Neurologist must provide a current updated Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) score less than or equal to 6.5).

Coverage may be approved for up to 12 months. Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of teriflunomide per prescription at their pharmacy for the first 12 months of coverage.

Continued Coverage

For continued coverage beyond the initial coverage period, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by a registered MS Neurologist;
- 2) The registered MS Neurologist must confirm a diagnosis of RRMS;
- 3) The registered MS Neurologist must provide a current updated EDSS score. The patient must not have an EDSS score of 7.0 or above sustained for one year or more.

Coverage of this drug may be considered in a patient with a sustained EDSS score of 7.0 or above in exceptional circumstances. For MS DMT coverage to be considered, details of the exceptional circumstance must be provided in a letter from the registered MS Neurologist and accompany the Special Authorization Request Form.

Continued coverage may be approved for up to 12 months. Patients may receive up to 100 days' supply of teriflunomide per prescription at their pharmacy.

Restarting After an Interruption in Therapy Greater Than 12 Months

In order to be eligible for coverage, after an interruption in therapy greater than 12 months, the

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patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) At least one relapse* per 12 month period; or
- 2) At least two relapses* during the previous 24 month period.

All requests (including renewal requests) for teriflunomide must be completed using the Dimethyl Fumarate/Glatiramer Acetate/Interferon Beta-1a/Ocrelizumab/Peginterferon Beta-1a/Teriflunomide for RRMS/Interferon Beta-1b for SPMS or RRMS Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60001).

14 MG ORAL TABLET

00002416328 AUBAGIO

GZM

\$ 57.7432

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TOCILIZUMAB

80 MG / VIAL INJECTION

00002350092 ACTEMRA (4 ML) HLR \$ 182.8000

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)

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'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 16 weeks as follows:
- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: one dose of 4 mg/kg or 8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose) of tocilizumab administered at 0, 4, 8, 12 and 16 weeks (total of 5 doses). Patients will be limited to receiving one dose of intravenous tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: for patients weighing less than 100 kg, initial coverage may be approved for one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every other week, up to weekly based on clinical response. For patients weighing 100 kg or more, initial coverage may be approved for one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every week. Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of subcutaneous tocilizumab 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 continued coverage beyond the initial 16 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after 16 weeks, but no longer than 20 weeks after treatment to determine response.

2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:

- ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND

- An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].

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.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months.

Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for one intravenous dose of 4 mg/kg to 8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose) every 4 weeks, or one 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every one to two weeks (based on weight and clinical response). Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;

2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:

- Confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, OR

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- Maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.

3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.

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."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the Abatacept/Adalimumab/Anakinra/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Sarilumab/Tocilizumab/Tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60027).

Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the reduction in signs and symptoms of severely active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA) in patients 2 years of age and older who:

- Have 5 or more active joints (defined by either swelling or limitation of motion plus pain and/or tenderness), AND
- Are refractory to one or more disease modifying anti-rheumatic agents (DMARDs) conventionally used in children (minimum three month trial).

"Refractory" is defined as one or more of the following: lack of effect, serious adverse effects (e.g., leukopenia, hepatitis) or contraindications to treatments as defined in the product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a prescriber affiliated with a Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic in Edmonton or Calgary (Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist).

- Initial coverage may be approved for 12 weeks as follows:
- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: 10 mg/kg/dose for patients less than 30 kg, or 8 mg/kg/dose for patients 30 kg or greater every 4 weeks.
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every 3 weeks for patients less than 30 kg, or administered every other week for patients 30 kg or greater.
- Patients will be limited to receiving up to a one-month supply of tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Patients will be permitted to switch from one biologic agent to another (with the exception of abatacept) 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 abatacept 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 continued coverage of this agent beyond 12 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by a Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist after 12 weeks, but no longer than 16 weeks after, treatment with this biologic agent to determine response.
- 2) The Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a responder that meets the following criteria (ACR Pedi 30):
 - 30% improvement from baseline in at least three of the following six response variables, with worsening of 30% or more in no more than one of the six variables. The variables include:
 - i. global assessment of the severity of the disease by the Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist,
 - ii. global assessment of overall well-being by the patient or parent,
 - iii. number of active joints (joints with swelling not due to deformity or joints with limitation of motion with pain tenderness or both),
 - iv. number of joints with limitation of motion,
 - v. functional ability based on CHAQ scores,
 - vi. ESR or CRP
- 3) Data from all of the six variables comprising the ACR Pedi 30 and the CHAQ scores must be reported in each request.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months. Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for one intravenous dose of 8 mg/kg to 10 mg/kg every 4 weeks, or one 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every two to three weeks (based on weight). After twelve months, in order to be considered for continued coverage, the patient must be

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re-assessed every twelve months by a Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist and must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by a Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist to determine response, and
- 2) The Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by maintenance of the ACR Pedi 30,
- 3) Data from all of the six variables comprising the ACR Pedi 30 and the CHAQ scores must be reported in each request.

Once a child with pJIA has had two disease-free years, it is common clinical practice for drug treatment to be stopped."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis must be completed using the Adalimumab/Etanercept/Tocilizumab for Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60011).

Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the treatment of active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA) in patients 2 years of age and older when all of the following conditions are met:

- the patient has a diagnosis of systemic JIA with fever (greater than 38 degrees Celsius) for at least two weeks and at least one of the following: rash of systemic JIA; serositis; lymphadenopathy; hepatomegaly; splenomegaly; AND
- the physician has ruled out other potential etiologies; AND
- the patient is refractory to one or more non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and one or more systemic corticosteroids.

"Refractory" is defined as one or more of the following: lack of effect, serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in the product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a prescriber affiliated with a Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic in Edmonton or Calgary (Pediatric RA Specialist).

- Initial coverage may be approved for 12 weeks as follows:
- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: 12 mg/kg/dose for patients weighing less than 30 kg, or 8 mg/kg/dose for patients weighing greater than or equal to 30 kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose), administered every two weeks, OR
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered once every 2 weeks for patients less than 30 kg, or administered once every week for patients 30 kg or greater.
- Patients will be limited to receiving one month of tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.

For continued coverage beyond 12 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by a Pediatric RA Specialist after 12 weeks, but no longer than 16 weeks after, treatment with this biologic agent to determine response.
- 2) The Pediatric RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a responder as demonstrated by JIA ACR30 response and/or absence of fever and/or reduction in inflammatory markers [e.g., C-reactive protein (CRP) concentration of less than 15 mg/L or reduction in erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)].

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months.

Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for:

- One intravenous dose of 12 mg/kg for patients weighing less than 30 kg or 8 mg/kg for patients weighing greater than or equal to 30 kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose), administered every two weeks, OR
- One 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every one to two weeks (based on weight).

After twelve months, in order to be considered for continued coverage, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient has been re-assessed every 12 months by a Pediatric RA Specialist to determine response, AND
- 2) The Pediatric RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis must be completed using the Tocilizumab for Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60048).

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TOCILIZUMAB

200 MG / VIAL INJECTION

00002350106 ACTEMRA (10 ML) HLR \$ 457.0000

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)

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'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 16 weeks as follows:
- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: one dose of 4 mg/kg or 8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose) of tocilizumab administered at 0, 4, 8, 12 and 16 weeks (total of 5 doses). Patients will be limited to receiving one dose of intravenous tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: for patients weighing less than 100 kg, initial coverage may be approved for one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every other week, up to weekly based on clinical response. For patients weighing 100 kg or more, initial coverage may be approved for one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every week. Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of subcutaneous tocilizumab 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 continued coverage beyond the initial 16 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after 16 weeks, but no longer than 20 weeks after treatment to determine response.
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:

- ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND

- An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].

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.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months. Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for one intravenous dose of 4 mg/kg to 8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose) every 4 weeks, or one 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every one to two weeks (based on weight and clinical response). Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:
 - Confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, OR

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- Maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.

3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.

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."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the Abatacept/Adalimumab/Anakinra/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Sarilumab/Tocilizumab/Tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60027).

Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the reduction in signs and symptoms of severely active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA) in patients 2 years of age and older who:

- Have 5 or more active joints (defined by either swelling or limitation of motion plus pain and/or tenderness), AND
- Are refractory to one or more disease modifying anti-rheumatic agents (DMARDs) conventionally used in children (minimum three month trial).

"Refractory" is defined as one or more of the following: lack of effect, serious adverse effects (e.g., leukopenia, hepatitis) or contraindications to treatments as defined in the product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a prescriber affiliated with a Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic in Edmonton or Calgary (Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist).

- Initial coverage may be approved for 12 weeks as follows:
- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: 10 mg/kg/dose for patients less than 30 kg, or 8 mg/kg/dose for patients 30 kg or greater every 4 weeks.
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every 3 weeks for patients less than 30 kg, or administered every other week for patients 30 kg or greater.
- Patients will be limited to receiving up to a one-month supply of tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Patients will be permitted to switch from one biologic agent to another (with the exception of abatacept) 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 abatacept 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 continued coverage of this agent beyond 12 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by a Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist after 12 weeks, but no longer than 16 weeks after, treatment with this biologic agent to determine response.
- 2) The Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a responder that meets the following criteria (ACR Pedi 30):
 - 30% improvement from baseline in at least three of the following six response variables, with worsening of 30% or more in no more than one of the six variables. The variables include:
 - i. global assessment of the severity of the disease by the Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist,
 - ii. global assessment of overall well-being by the patient or parent,
 - iii. number of active joints (joints with swelling not due to deformity or joints with limitation of motion with pain tenderness or both),
 - iv. number of joints with limitation of motion,
 - v. functional ability based on CHAQ scores,
 - vi. ESR or CRP
- 3) Data from all of the six variables comprising the ACR Pedi 30 and the CHAQ scores must be reported in each request.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months. Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for one intravenous dose of 8 mg/kg to 10 mg/kg every 4 weeks, or one 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every two to three weeks (based on weight). After twelve months, in order to be considered for continued coverage, the patient must be

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re-assessed every twelve months by a Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist and must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by a Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist to determine response, and
- 2) The Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by maintenance of the ACR Pedi 30,
- 3) Data from all of the six variables comprising the ACR Pedi 30 and the CHAQ scores must be reported in each request.

Once a child with pJIA has had two disease-free years, it is common clinical practice for drug treatment to be stopped."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis must be completed using the Adalimumab/Etanercept/Tocilizumab for Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60011).

Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the treatment of active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA) in patients 2 years of age and older when all of the following conditions are met:

- the patient has a diagnosis of systemic JIA with fever (greater than 38 degrees Celsius) for at least two weeks and at least one of the following: rash of systemic JIA; serositis; lymphadenopathy; hepatomegaly; splenomegaly; AND
- the physician has ruled out other potential etiologies; AND
- the patient is refractory to one or more non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and one or more systemic corticosteroids.

"Refractory" is defined as one or more of the following: lack of effect, serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in the product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a prescriber affiliated with a Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic in Edmonton or Calgary (Pediatric RA Specialist).

- Initial coverage may be approved for 12 weeks as follows:
- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: 12 mg/kg/dose for patients weighing less than 30 kg, or 8 mg/kg/dose for patients weighing greater than or equal to 30 kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose), administered every two weeks, OR
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered once every 2 weeks for patients less than 30 kg, or administered once every week for patients 30 kg or greater.
- Patients will be limited to receiving one month of tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.

For continued coverage beyond 12 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by a Pediatric RA Specialist after 12 weeks, but no longer than 16 weeks after, treatment with this biologic agent to determine response.
- 2) The Pediatric RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a responder as demonstrated by JIA ACR30 response and/or absence of fever and/or reduction in inflammatory markers [e.g., C-reactive protein (CRP) concentration of less than 15 mg/L or reduction in erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)].

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months.

Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for:

- One intravenous dose of 12 mg/kg for patients weighing less than 30 kg or 8 mg/kg for patients weighing greater than or equal to 30 kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose), administered every two weeks, OR
- One 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every one to two weeks (based on weight).

After twelve months, in order to be considered for continued coverage, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient has been re-assessed every 12 months by a Pediatric RA Specialist to determine response, AND
- 2) The Pediatric RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis must be completed using the Tocilizumab for Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60048).

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TOCILIZUMAB

400 MG / VIAL INJECTION

00002350114 ACTEMRA (20 ML) HLR \$ 914.0000

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)

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'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 16 weeks as follows:
- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: one dose of 4 mg/kg or 8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose) of tocilizumab administered at 0, 4, 8, 12 and 16 weeks (total of 5 doses). Patients will be limited to receiving one dose of intravenous tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: for patients weighing less than 100 kg, initial coverage may be approved for one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every other week, up to weekly based on clinical response. For patients weighing 100 kg or more, initial coverage may be approved for one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every week. Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of subcutaneous tocilizumab 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 continued coverage beyond the initial 16 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after 16 weeks, but no longer than 20 weeks after treatment to determine response.
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
 - ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND
 - An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].

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.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months. Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for one intravenous dose of 4 mg/kg to 8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose) every 4 weeks, or one 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every one to two weeks (based on weight and clinical response). Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:
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- Maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.

3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.

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."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the

Abatacept/Adalimumab/Anakinra/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Sarilumab/Tocilizumab for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60027).

Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the treatment of active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA) in patients 2 years of age and older when all of the following conditions are met:

- the patient has a diagnosis of systemic JIA with fever (greater than 38 degrees Celsius) for at least two weeks and at least one of the following: rash of systemic JIA; serositis; lymphadenopathy; hepatomegaly; splenomegaly; AND
- the physician has ruled out other potential etiologies; AND
- the patient is refractory to one or more non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and one or more systemic corticosteroids.

"Refractory" is defined as one or more of the following: lack of effect, serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in the product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a prescriber affiliated with a Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic in Edmonton or Calgary (Pediatric RA Specialist).

- Initial coverage may be approved for 12 weeks as follows:

- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: 12 mg/kg/dose for patients weighing less than 30 kg, or 8 mg/kg/dose for patients weighing greater than or equal to 30 kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose), administered every two weeks, OR
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered once every 2 weeks for patients less than 30 kg, or administered once every week for patients 30 kg or greater.
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Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months.

Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for:

- One intravenous dose of 12 mg/kg for patients weighing less than 30 kg or 8 mg/kg for patients weighing greater than or equal to 30 kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose), administered every two weeks, OR
- One 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every one to two weeks (based on weight).

After twelve months, in order to be considered for continued coverage, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient has been re-assessed every 12 months by a Pediatric RA Specialist to determine response, AND
- 2) The Pediatric RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis must be completed using the Tocilizumab for Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60048).

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TOCILIZUMAB

162 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE

☒ 00002483327 ACTEMRA (0.9 ML AUTO INJECTOR) HLR \$ 355.0000

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)

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'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 16 weeks as follows:

- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: one dose of 4 mg/kg or 8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose) of tocilizumab administered at 0, 4, 8, 12 and 16 weeks (total of 5 doses). Patients will be limited to receiving one dose of intravenous tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.

-Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: for patients weighing less than 100 kg, initial coverage may be approved for one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every other week, up to weekly based on clinical response. For patients weighing 100 kg or more, initial coverage may be approved for one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every week. Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of subcutaneous tocilizumab 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 continued coverage beyond the initial 16 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after 16 weeks, but no longer than 20 weeks after treatment to determine response.

2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:

- ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place];

AND

- An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].

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.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months.

Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for one intravenous dose of 4 mg/kg to 8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose) every 4 weeks, or one 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every one to two weeks (based on weight and clinical response). Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;

2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:

- Confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, OR

- Maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal

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place] from baseline.

3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.

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."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the Abatacept/Adalimumab/Anakinra/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Sarilumab/Tocilizumab/Tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60027).

00002424770 ACTEMRA (0.9 ML SYRINGE) HLR \$ 358.9050

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)

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'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 16 weeks as follows:
- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: one dose of 4 mg/kg or 8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose) of tocilizumab administered at 0, 4, 8, 12 and 16 weeks (total of 5 doses). Patients will be limited to receiving one dose of intravenous tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: for patients weighing less than 100 kg, initial coverage may be approved for one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every other week, up to weekly based on clinical response. For patients weighing 100 kg or more, initial coverage may be approved for one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every week. Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of subcutaneous tocilizumab 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 continued coverage beyond the initial 16 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after 16 weeks, but no longer than 20 weeks after treatment to determine response.
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
 - ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND
 - An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].

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.

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Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months. Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for one intravenous dose of 4 mg/kg to 8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose) every 4 weeks, or one 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every one to two weeks (based on weight and clinical response). Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;
2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:

- Confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, OR
- Maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.

3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.

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."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the Abatacept/Adalimumab/Anakinra/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Sarilumab/Tocilizumab/Tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60027).

Giant Cell Arteritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for use in combination with glucocorticoids for the treatment of giant cell arteritis (GCA) in adult patients.

For coverage, this drug must be initiated in consultation with a Specialist in Internal Medicine, Rheumatology or Neurology.

Initial coverage may be approved for 12 weeks as follows:

-Coverage may be approved for one 162 mg subcutaneous dose of tocilizumab administered every week.

-As an interim measure, coverage will be provided for additional doses up to week 16, to allow time to determine whether the patient meets criteria for continued coverage below.

-Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of subcutaneous tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.

-Patients are limited to receiving one biologic agent at a time regardless of the condition for which it is being prescribed.

For continued coverage beyond the initial 12 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

1) The patient must be assessed after 12 weeks, but no longer than 16 weeks after treatment to determine response; AND

2) The patient must be a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:

-Patient has achieved remission which is defined as the absence of flare* AND normalization of C-reactive protein (CRP) to <1 mg/dL.

*Flare is defined as the recurrence of signs or symptoms of GCA and/or erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) greater or equal to 30 mm/hr attributable to GCA.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for one 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every week for a period of 36 weeks.

Duration of therapy with tocilizumab will be limited to 52 weeks per treatment course. Re-treatment may be considered for patients who experience a disease flare after treatment discontinuation."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Giant Cell Arteritis must be completed using the Tocilizumab for Giant Cell Arteritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60066).

Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the reduction in signs and symptoms of severely active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA) in patients 2 years of age and older who:

- Have 5 or more active joints (defined by either swelling or limitation of motion plus pain and/or tenderness), AND

- Are refractory to one or more disease modifying anti-rheumatic agents (DMARDs) conventionally used in children (minimum three month trial).

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For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a prescriber affiliated with a Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic in Edmonton or Calgary (Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist).

- Initial coverage may be approved for 12 weeks as follows:
- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: 10 mg/kg/dose for patients less than 30 kg, or 8 mg/kg/dose for patients 30 kg or greater every 4 weeks.
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered every 3 weeks for patients less than 30 kg, or administered every other week for patients 30 kg or greater.
- Patients will be limited to receiving up to a one-month supply of tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Patients will be permitted to switch from one biologic agent to another (with the exception of abatacept) 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 abatacept 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 continued coverage of this agent beyond 12 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by a Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist after 12 weeks, but no longer than 16 weeks after, treatment with this biologic agent to determine response.
- 2) The Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a responder that meets the following criteria (ACR Pedi 30):
 - 30% improvement from baseline in at least three of the following six response variables, with worsening of 30% or more in no more than one of the six variables. The variables include:
 - i. global assessment of the severity of the disease by the Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist,
 - ii. global assessment of overall well-being by the patient or parent,
 - iii. number of active joints (joints with swelling not due to deformity or joints with limitation of motion with pain tenderness or both),
 - iv. number of joints with limitation of motion,
 - v. functional ability based on CHAQ scores,
 - vi. ESR or CRP
- 3) Data from all of the six variables comprising the ACR Pedi 30 and the CHAQ scores must be reported in each request.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months. Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for one intravenous dose of 8 mg/kg to 10 mg/kg every 4 weeks, or one 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every two to three weeks (based on weight). After twelve months, in order to be considered for continued coverage, the patient must be re-assessed every twelve months by a Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist and must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by a Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist to determine response, and
- 2) The Pediatric Rheumatology Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by maintenance of the ACR Pedi 30,
- 3) Data from all of the six variables comprising the ACR Pedi 30 and the CHAQ scores must be reported in each request.

Once a child with pJIA has had two disease-free years, it is common clinical practice for drug treatment to be stopped."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis must be completed using the Adalimumab/Etanercept/Tocilizumab for Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60011).

Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the treatment of active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA) in patients 2 years of age and older when all of the following conditions are met:

- the patient has a diagnosis of systemic JIA with fever (greater than 38 degrees Celsius) for at

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least two weeks and at least one of the following: rash of systemic JIA; serositis; lymphadenopathy; hepatomegaly; splenomegaly; AND
- the physician has ruled out other potential etiologies; AND
- the patient is refractory to one or more non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and one or more systemic corticosteroids.

"Refractory" is defined as one or more of the following: lack of effect, serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in the product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a prescriber affiliated with a Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic in Edmonton or Calgary (Pediatric RA Specialist).

- Initial coverage may be approved for 12 weeks as follows:
- Tocilizumab intravenous infusion: 12 mg/kg/dose for patients weighing less than 30 kg, or 8 mg/kg/dose for patients weighing greater than or equal to 30 kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose), administered every two weeks, OR
- Tocilizumab subcutaneous injection: one 162 mg dose of tocilizumab administered once every 2 weeks for patients less than 30 kg, or administered once every week for patients 30 kg or greater.
- Patients will be limited to receiving one month of tocilizumab per prescription at their pharmacy.

For continued coverage beyond 12 weeks, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by a Pediatric RA Specialist after 12 weeks, but no longer than 16 weeks after, treatment with this biologic agent to determine response.
- 2) The Pediatric RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a responder as demonstrated by JIA ACR30 response and/or absence of fever and/or reduction in inflammatory markers [e.g., C-reactive protein (CRP) concentration of less than 15 mg/L or reduction in erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)].

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a period of 12 months.

Coverage for tocilizumab will be provided for:

- One intravenous dose of 12 mg/kg for patients weighing less than 30 kg or 8 mg/kg for patients weighing greater than or equal to 30 kg (up to a maximum of 800 mg per dose), administered every two weeks, OR
- One 162 mg subcutaneous dose administered every one to two weeks (based on weight).

After twelve months, in order to be considered for continued coverage, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient has been re-assessed every 12 months by a Pediatric RA Specialist to determine response, AND
- 2) The Pediatric RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tocilizumab for Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis must be completed using the Tocilizumab for Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60048).

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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).

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'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 three months as follows:
- Tofacitinib 5 mg tablet: one tablet twice daily.
- Tofacitinib 11 mg extended-release tablet: one tablet daily.
- Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of tofacitinib per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Patients will not be permitted to switch back to tofacitinib if they were deemed unresponsive to therapy.

For continued coverage beyond three months, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after the initial three months to determine response.
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
 - ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND
 - An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].

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.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for 5 mg twice daily or 11 mg once daily for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:
 - confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, or
 - maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.
- 3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.

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.

Coverage cannot be provided for tofacitinib when intended for use in combination with a biologic agent."

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All requests (including renewal requests) for tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the Abatacept/Adalimumab/Anakinra/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Sarilumab/Tocilizumab/Tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60027).

5 MG (BASE)	ORAL TABLET			
00002423898	XELJANZ	PFI	\$	23.9589

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"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).

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'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 three months as follows:
- Tofacitinib 5 mg tablet: one tablet twice daily.
- Tofacitinib 11 mg extended-release tablet: one tablet daily.
- Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of tofacitinib per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Patients will not be permitted to switch back to tofacitinib if they were deemed unresponsive to therapy.

For continued coverage beyond three months, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after the initial three months to determine response.
 - 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
 - ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND
 - An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].
- 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.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for 5 mg twice daily or 11 mg once daily for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:
 - confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, or
 - maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.
- 3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.

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.

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TOFACITINIB CITRATE

Coverage cannot be provided for tofacitinib when intended for use in combination with a biologic agent."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the Abatacept/Adalimumab/Anakinra/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Sarilumab/Tocilizumab/Tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60027).

11 MG (BASE)	ORAL	EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET			
00002470608	XELJANZ XR		PFI	\$	47.9178

VARENICLINE TARTRATE

For subsequent prescriptions, patients may obtain this product via special authorization with the following criteria for coverage:

"For use in patients 18 years of age and older for smoking cessation treatment in conjunction with smoking cessation counseling.

Special authorization coverage may be granted for a maximum of 24 weeks of therapy per year."

This product is not eligible for auto-renewal.

0.5 MG (BASE)	ORAL	TABLET			
00002419882	APO-VARENICLINE		APX	\$	0.9237
00002426226	TEVA-VARENICLINE		TEV	\$	0.9237
00002291177	CHAMPIX		PFI	\$	1.8437
1 MG (BASE)	ORAL	TABLET			
00002419890	APO-VARENICLINE		APX	\$	0.9235
00002426234	TEVA-VARENICLINE		TEV	\$	0.9235
00002291185	CHAMPIX		PFI	\$	1.8432

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For subsequent prescriptions, patients may obtain this product via special authorization with the following criteria for coverage:

"For use in patients 18 years of age and older for smoking cessation treatment in conjunction with smoking cessation counseling.

Special authorization coverage may be granted for a maximum of 24 weeks of therapy per year."

This product is not eligible for auto-renewal.

0.5 MG * 1 MG	ORAL	TABLET			
00002435675	APO-VARENICLINE (STARTER PACK)		APX	\$	0.9203
00002426781	TEVA-VARENICLINE (STARTER PACK)		TEV	\$	0.9203
00002298309	CHAMPIX (STARTER PACK)		PFI	\$	1.8370

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ZOLEDRONIC ACID

Osteoporosis:

"For the treatment of osteoporosis in patients who have:

A high 10-year risk (i.e., greater than 20%) of experiencing a major osteoporotic fracture,
OR

A moderate 10-year fracture risk (10-20%) and have experienced a prior fragility fracture;

AND

at least one of the following:

1) For whom oral bisphosphonates are contraindicated due to an abnormality of the esophagus which delays esophageal emptying;

OR

2) Who have demonstrated persistent severe gastrointestinal intolerance to a course of therapy with either alendronate or risedronate;

OR

3) Who had an unsatisfactory response (defined as a fragility fracture despite adhering to oral alendronate or risedronate treatment fully for 1 year and evidence of a decline in BMD below pre-treatment baseline level).

Note: The fracture risk can be determined by the World Health Organization's fracture risk assessment tool, FRAX, or the most recent (2010) version of the Canadian Association of Radiologists and Osteoporosis Canada (CAROC) table.

Special Authorization may be granted for 12 months.

-Patients will be limited to receiving one dose of zoledronic acid per prescription at their pharmacy.

-Coverage cannot be provided for two or more osteoporosis medications (alendronate, denosumab, raloxifene, risedronate, zoledronic acid) when these medications are intended for use as combination therapy.

-Requests for other osteoporosis medications covered via special authorization will not be considered until 6 months after the last dose of denosumab 60 mg/syr injection syringe.

-Requests for other osteoporosis medications covered via special authorization will not be considered until 12 months after the last dose of zoledronic acid 0.05 mg/ml injection."

-This product is eligible for auto-renewal for the treatment of osteoporosis.

All requests for zoledronic acid for osteoporosis must be completed using the Denosumab/Zoledronic Acid for Osteoporosis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60007).

Paget's Disease:

"For the treatment of Paget's disease. Special Authorization for this criterion may be granted for one dose per 12 month period."

"Coverage cannot be provided for two or more medications used in the treatment of

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Paget's disease when these medications are intended for use in combination or when therapy with two or more medications overlap."

0.05 MG / ML INJECTION

00002415100	TARO-ZOLEDRONIC ACID	TAR	\$	3.3540
00002422433	ZOLEDRONIC ACID	DRL	\$	3.3540
00002269198	ACLASTA	NOV	\$	7.0850

"For the treatment of tumor-induced hypercalcemia in patients with documented evidence of intolerance or lack of response to clodronate or pamidronate.

For the prevention of skeletal-related events in patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC) with one or more bony metastases.

Special authorization may be granted for 6 months."

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

0.8 MG / ML INJECTION

00002482525	JAMP-ZOLEDRONIC ACID	JPC	\$	38.7856
00002415186	TARO-ZOLEDRONIC ACID CONCENTRATE	TAR	\$	38.7856
00002407639	ZOLEDRONIC ACID	TEV	\$	38.7856
00002444739	ZOLEDRONIC ACID	MDA	\$	38.7856
00002401606	ZOLEDRONIC ACID - Z	SDZ	\$	38.7856
00002422425	ZOLEDRONIC ACID CONCENTRATE	DRL	\$	38.7856
00002472805	ZOLEDRONIC ACID FOR INJECTION	MAR	\$	38.7856
00002248296	ZOMETA CONCENTRATE	NOV	\$	115.7940

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

00002458780	CCP-ZOLMITRIPTAN	CEL	\$	3.5375
00002477106	JAMP ZOLMITRIPTAN	JPC	\$	3.5375
00002421623	JAMP-ZOLMITRIPTAN	JPC	\$	3.5375
00002419521	MINT-ZOLMITRIPTAN	MPI	\$	3.5375
00002421534	NAT-ZOLMITRIPTAN	NTP	\$	3.5375
00002324229	PMS-ZOLMITRIPTAN	PMS	\$	3.5375
00002362988	SANDOZ ZOLMITRIPTAN	SDZ	\$	3.5375
00002313960	TEVA-ZOLMITRIPTAN	TEV	\$	3.5375
00002238660	ZOMIG	AZC	\$	14.9600