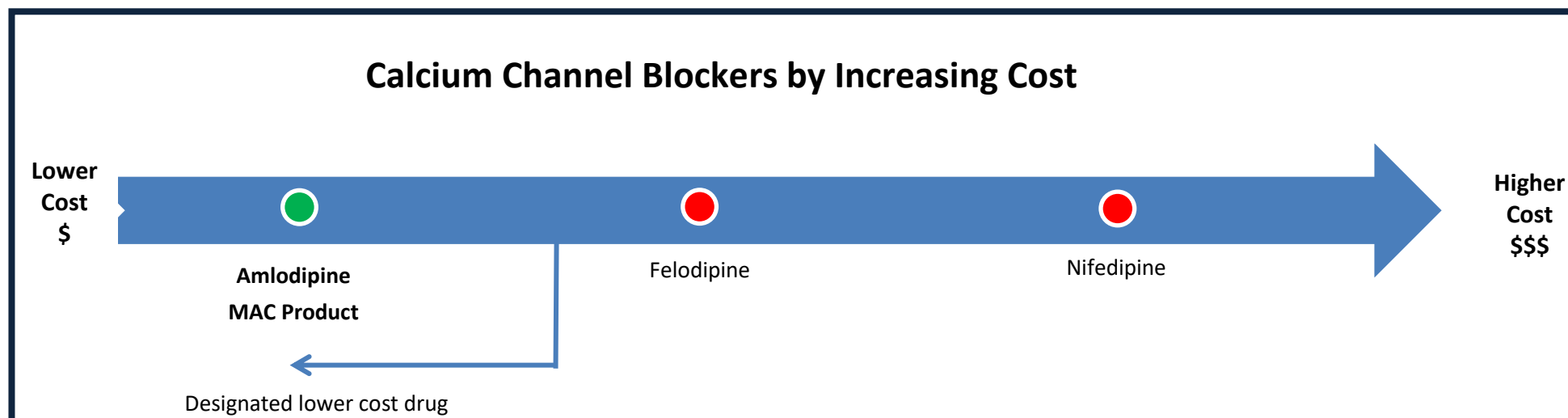


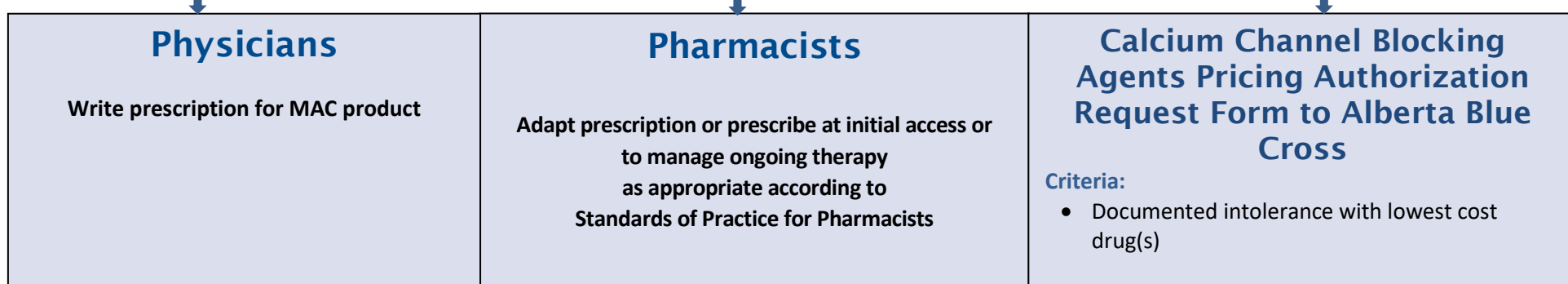
# Alberta Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) Program

## Dihydropyridine Calcium Channel Blockers (CCBs)

Medical evidence shows that the drugs within this category were selected for their similarities in use, safety & effectiveness in stable patients. Patients who switch to the lowest cost drug will have lower co-payments. The amount of savings depends on which drug a patient is currently using and which drug they switch to.



### Step 2- Making the switch



Approximate equivalent doses of CCBs <sup>5</sup>			
• Amlodipine	2.5 mg	5 mg	10 mg
• Felodipine	2.5 mg	5 mg	10 mg
• Nifedipine (Extended release)	20 mg	30 -40 mg	60-90 mg



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