

# Pharmacy Benefact

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## Removal of temporary benefits from the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Due to the shortage of Mylan-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02256126), manufactured by Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC, Apo-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02286637), manufactured by Apotex Inc., was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* as of July 19, 2011.

Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Mylan-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02256126) has been resolved.

As a result, Apo-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02286637) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* effective October 5, 2014.

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Due to the shortage of Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate 4 mg/ml Injection (DIN 01977547), manufactured by Cytex Pharmaceuticals Inc., Dexamethasone Omega 4 mg/ml Injection (DIN 02204266), manufactured by Omega Laboratories Limited, was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* as of March 22, 2013.

Cytex Pharmaceuticals Inc. has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate 4 mg/ml Injection (DIN 01977547) has been resolved.

As a result, Dexamethasone Omega 4 mg/ml Injection (DIN 02204266) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* effective October 5, 2014.

## Removal of temporary benefit from the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)*

Due to the shortage of Sandoz Dimenhydrinate 100 mg Rectal Suppository (DIN 00392545), manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc., Gravol Adult 100 mg Rectal Suppository (DIN 00013609), manufactured by Church & Dwight Canada was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)* as of December 10, 2012.

Sandoz Canada Inc. has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Sandoz Dimenhydrinate 100 mg Rectal Suppository (DIN 00392545) has been resolved.

As a result, Gravol Adult 100 mg Rectal Suppository (DIN 00013609) will no longer be considered as a temporary benefit for the *HSDBS* effective October 5, 2014.

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## When you have questions:

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations call centre representative at:

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