

Pharmacy Benefact

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

Due to the shortage of Apo-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02244638), manufactured by Apotex Inc., Novo-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02238334), manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, and pms-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02244474), manufactured by Pharmascience Inc., Frisium 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02221799), manufactured by Lundbeck Inc., was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* as of January 9, 2014.

Apotex Inc., Teva Canada Limited and Pharmascience Inc. have advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortages of Apo-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02244638), Novo-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02238334) and pms-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02244474) have been resolved.

As a result, Frisium 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02221799) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* after October 10, 2014.

Temporary benefit added to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Due to the unavailability of Apo-Diazepam 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00362158), manufactured by Apotex Inc., Valium 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00013285), manufactured by Hoffmann-La Roche Limited, will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of September 12, 2014, all claims for Valium 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00013285) will be adjudicated to the price published in the most recent *Alberta Blue Cross Drug Price List (ABCDPL)* until further notice. The *ABCDPL* is available online at <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.html>.

If this situation continues to be a long-term matter, this product is subject to the usual review process by the Expert Committee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics and must be approved by the Minister of Health for addition to the *ADBL* in order to remain as a benefit.

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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