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

Due to the shortages of Apo-Loperamide 2 mg Tablet (DIN 02212005), manufactured by Apotex Inc., pms-Loperamide 2 mg Caplet (DIN 02228351), manufactured by Pharmascience Inc., and Novo-Loperamide 2 mg Caplet (DIN 02132591), manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, Diarrhea Relief 2 mg Tablet (DIN 02248994), manufactured by Pharmascience Inc., was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)* as of February 20, 2014.

Pharmascience Inc. and Teva Canada Limited have advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortages of pms-Loperamide 2 mg Caplet (DIN 02228351) and Novo-Loperamide 2 mg Caplet (DIN 02132591) have been resolved.

As a result, Diarrhea Relief 2 mg Tablet (DIN 02248994) will no longer be considered as a temporary benefit for the *HSDBS* after October 26, 2014.

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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