

# Pharmacy Benefact

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

Due to the shortages of Apo-Propafenone 150 mg Tablet (DIN 02243324), manufactured by Apotex Inc., and Rythmol 150 mg Tablet (DIN 00603708), manufactured by Abbott Laboratories Limited, the below products were added as temporary benefits for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Apotex Inc. and Abbott Laboratories Limited have advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Apo-Propafenone 150 mg Tablet (DIN 02243324) and Rythmol 150 mg Tablet (DIN 00603708) have now been resolved.

As a result, the below products will no longer be considered as temporary benefits for the *ADBL* **after January 9, 2015**.

Product	DIN	Manufacturer	Temporary Benefit Effective Date	Temporary Benefit Termination Date
Mylan-Propafenone 150 mg Tablet	02245372	Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC	June 10, 2013	January 9, 2015
Propafenone 150 mg Tablet	02343053	Sanis Health Inc.	June 26, 2013	January 9, 2015
pms-Propafenone 150 mg Tablet	02294559	Pharmascience Inc.	August 13, 2013	January 9, 2015

## Product supply shortages addressed for *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. that the shortage of Apo-Propafenone 150 mg Tablet (DIN 02243324) has been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of this shortage, a transition period will be applied and as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping **effective January 10, 2015**.

### PROPAFENONE HCL

#### 150 MG ORAL TABLET

00002243324	APO-PROPAFENONE	APX	\$ 0.2965
00000603708	RYTHMOL	ABB	\$ 1.2012

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. and Actavis Pharma Company that the shortages of Apo-Clomipramine 25 mg Tablet (DIN 02040778) and Co Clomipramine 25 mg Tablet (DIN 02244817) have been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of these shortages, a transition period will be applied and as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping **effective January 11, 2015**.

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**CLOMIPRAMINE HCL**

**25 MG ORAL TABLET**

<b>00002040778</b>	<b>APO-CLOMIPRAMINE</b>	<b>APX</b>	<b>\$ 0.1758</b>
<b>00002244817</b>	<b>CO CLOMIPRAMINE</b>	<b>APH</b>	<b>\$ 0.1758</b>
00000324019	ANAFRANIL	SUN	\$ 0.3860

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