

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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

Due to the unavailability of Thiamine HCl 100 mg/ml Injection (DIN 02243525), manufactured by Cytex Pharmaceuticals Inc., and Thiamiject 100 mg/ml Injection (DIN 02193221), manufactured by Omega Laboratories Limited, Vitamin B1 100 mg/ml Injection USP (DIN 00816078), manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc., will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of February 25, 2015, all claims for Vitamin B1 100 mg/ml Injection USP (DIN 00816078) 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 will be 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.

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortage of Sandoz Candesartan Plus 32 mg/25 mg Tablet (DIN 02420740) 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 March 30, 2015**.

CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE

32 MG * 25 MG ORAL TABLET

00002420740	SANDOZ CANDESARTAN PLUS	SDZ	\$ 0.3008
00002395134	APO-CANDESARTAN/HCTZ	APX	\$ 0.5990
00002332957	ATACAND PLUS	AZC	\$ 1.1976

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Teva Canada Limited that the shortage of Teva-Fluvastatin 20 mg Capsule (DIN 02299224) 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 March 30, 2015**.

FLUVASTATIN SODIUM

20 MG (BASE) ORAL CAPSULE

00002400235	SANDOZ FLUVASTATIN	SDZ	\$ 0.2202
00002299224	TEVA-FLUVASTATIN	TEV	\$ 0.2202
00002061562	LESCOL	NOV	\$ 0.8941

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Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. and Teva Canada Limited that the shortages of Apo-Diltiaz CD 300 mg Controlled-Delivery Capsule (DIN 02229526) and Teva-Diltiazem CD 300 mg Controlled-Delivery Capsule (DIN 02242541) 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 March 30, 2015**.

DILTIAZEM HCL

300 MG ORAL CONTROLLED-DELIVERY CAPSULE

00002370654	ACT DILTIAZEM CD	APH	\$ 0.7766
00002229526	APO-DILTIAZ CD	APX	\$ 0.7766
00002400464	DILTIAZEM CD	SNS	\$ 0.7766
00002355787	PMS-DILTIAZEM CD	PMS	\$ 0.7766
00002243341	SANDOZ DILTIAZEM CD	SDZ	\$ 0.7766
00002242541	TEVA DILTIAZEM CD	TEV	\$ 0.7766
00002097273	CARDIZEM CD	VCL	\$ 3.3942

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortage of Sodium Aurothiomalate Injection B.P. 50 mg/ml (DIN 02245458) 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 April 3, 2015**.

GOLD SODIUM THIOMALATE

50 MG / ML INJECTION

00002245458	SODIUM AUROTHIOMALATE	SDZ	\$ 20.0300
00001927604	MYOCHRYLINE	SAV	\$ 23.0100

When you have questions:

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

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