

# Pharmacy Benefact

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

Due to the unavailability of pms-Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02274086), manufactured by Pharmascience Inc., Apo-Hydro 12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02327856), manufactured by Apotex Inc., will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of April 6, 2015, all claims for Apo-Hydro 12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02327856) 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 Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC that the shortage of Mylan-Almotriptan 6.25 mg Tablet (DIN 02398435) and Mylan-Almotriptan 12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02398443) 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 groupings **effective May 8, 2015**.

### ALMOTRIPTAN MALATE

#### 6.25 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

|             |                   |     |            |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|------------|
| 00002405792 | APO-ALMOTRIPTAN   | APX | \$ 7.0433  |
| 00002398435 | MYLAN-ALMOTRIPTAN | MYP | \$ 7.0433  |
| 00002248128 | AXERT             | MCL | \$ 13.9217 |

#### 12.5 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

|             |                    |     |            |
|-------------|--------------------|-----|------------|
| 00002405806 | APO-ALMOTRIPTAN    | APX | \$ 7.0433  |
| 00002398443 | MYLAN-ALMOTRIPTAN  | MYP | \$ 7.0433  |
| 00002405334 | SANDOZ ALMOTRIPTAN | SDZ | \$ 7.0433  |
| 00002248129 | AXERT              | MCL | \$ 13.9217 |

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Teva Canada Limited that the shortage of Teva-Atenolthalidone 100 mg/25 mg Tablet (DIN 02302926) 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 May 8, 2015**.

### ATENOLOL/ CHLORTHALIDONE

#### 100 MG \* 25 MG ORAL TABLET

|             |                      |     |           |
|-------------|----------------------|-----|-----------|
| 00002248764 | APO-ATENIDONE        | APX | \$ 0.5236 |
| 00002302926 | TEVA-ATENOLTHALIDONE | TEV | \$ 0.5498 |
| 00002049988 | TENORETIC 100/25     | AZC | \$ 1.1099 |

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Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Ratiopharm that the shortage of Ratio-Lenoltec No.4 Tablet (DIN 00621463) 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 May 8, 2015**.

**CODEINE PHOSPHATE/ ACETAMINOPHEN**

**60 MG \* 300 MG ORAL TABLET**

|                    |                            |            |                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------|
| <b>00000621463</b> | <b>RATIO-LENOLTEC NO.4</b> | <b>RPH</b> | <b>\$ 0.1453</b> |
| 00002163918        | TYLENOL NO. 4              | JAI        | \$ 0.2018        |

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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 contact centre representative at:

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