

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Teva Canada Limited that the shortage of Teva-Salbutamol Sterinebs P.F. 1 mg/ml Inhalation Solution (DIN 01926934) 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 June 8, 2015**.

SALBUTAMOL SULFATE

1 MG / ML (BASE) INHALATION SOLUTION

00002208229	PMS-SALBUTAMOL	PMS \$ 0.1446
00001926934	TEVA-SALBUTAMOL STERINEBS P.F.	TEV \$ 0.1446
00002213419	VENTOLIN NEBULES P.F.	GSK \$ 0.4196

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

Due to the unavailability of Novo-Pirocam 20 mg Capsule (DIN 00695696) manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, Apo-Piroxicam 20 mg Capsule (DIN 00642894) manufactured by Apotex Inc. will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of May 12, 2015, all claims for Apo-Piroxicam 20 mg Capsule (DIN 00642894) 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 then 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:

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