

April 1, 2022 Full Updates for the Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL), Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS) and Palliative Coverage Drug Benefit Supplement (PCDBS)

Please be advised that the annual April 1, 2022 Full Updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*, *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit List (HSDBS)* and the *Palliative Coverage Drug Benefit Supplement (PCDBS)* have been posted online at ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php.

Effective April 1, 2022, the below Drug Products will be removed from the ADBL as the Manufacturer did not submit a Price to the annual Alberta Price Confirmation process.

As per the Alberta Price Policy, Manufacturers with Drug Products currently listed on the ADBL were invited to requote the price of their Drug Product(s) for continual listing. Please be advised that the below Drug Products will no longer be listed or eligible for payment under Alberta government-sponsored drug programs effective April 1, 2022, as these Manufacturers have chosen not to reconfirm their price.

All Drug Products scheduled to be removed from the ADBL have been identified as having therapeutic alternatives. *Effective April 1, 2022, the listed products will no longer be a benefit and will not be considered for coverage by Special Authorization. A 30-day transition period will be applied to allow physicians, pharmacists and patients directly affected by these changes sufficient time to transition to another drug therapy as appropriate and, as of May 1, 2022, claims will no longer pay for these products.*

Patients impacted by the removal of these Drug Products as covered benefits for Alberta government-sponsored drug programs are encouraged to discuss therapeutic alternatives with their health-care provider.

DIN or PIN	Product description
00000155365	Adrenalin 1 mg / ml Topical Solution
00002220261	Penicillin G Sodium 1000000 IU / Vial Injection
00002220288	Penicillin G Sodium 5000000 IU / Vial Injection
00002220296	Penicillin G Sodium 10000000 IU / Vial Injection
00002046113	pms-Sodium Cromoglycate 1 % Inhalation Solution
00000392553	Confab Dimenhydrinate 50 mg Rectal Suppository
00000392545	Confab Dimenhydrinate 100 mg Rectal Suppository
00002241091	The Magic Bullet 10 mg Rectal Suppository

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Additionally, effective April 1, 2022, the below Drug Products will be removed from the ADBL as these Drug Products have been discontinued by the Manufacturer.

The Alberta government-sponsored drug programs previously covered the below Drug Products; however, notification of discontinuation has been received from the Manufacturers. Effective April 1, 2022, the listed products will no longer be a benefit and will not be considered for coverage by Special Authorization. A transition period will apply and, as of May 1, 2022, claims will no longer pay for these products. Patients impacted by the discontinuation of these Drug Products as covered benefits for Alberta government-sponsored drug programs are encouraged to discuss therapeutic alternatives with their health-care provider.

DIN or PIN	Product description
00002292866	Ceftriaxone for Injection USP 0.25 G / Vial Injection
00002481979	Methadone Hydrochloride 10 mg / ml Oral Liquid
00001926306	Panectyl 2.5 mg Tablet
00000010200	Propyl-Thyracil 50 mg Tablet
00000329320	Sandomigran 0.5 mg Tablet
00000596965	Statex 20 mg Rectal Suppository
00000639389	Statex 30 mg Rectal Suppository
00000001686	Xylocaine Viscous 2 % Oral Liquid

For a summary of all updates, please refer to the April 1, 2022 Summary of Changes for highlights of products and pricing changes.

Please note that the online *interactive Drug Benefit List (iDBL)* is available at ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl_main1.php—this is a near real-time application and, as such, contains the most up-to-date information.

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

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area)

403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)

1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)

FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

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