

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

Due to the shortages of Apo-Amitriptyline 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02403153) manufactured by Apotex Inc. and Elavil 50 mg Tablet (DIN 00335088) manufactured by AA Pharma Inc., Mar-Amitriptyline 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02429896) manufactured by Marcan Pharmaceuticals Inc and pms-Amitriptyline 50 mg Tablet (DIN 00654507) manufactured by Pharmascience Inc. were added as temporary benefits for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Apotex Inc. has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Apo-Amitriptyline 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02403153) has been resolved.

As a result, Mar-Amitriptyline 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02429896) and pms-Amitriptyline 50 mg Tablet (DIN 00654507) will no longer be considered temporary benefits for the *ADBL* **after June 10, 2022**. The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List on **May 10, 2022**.

Temporary benefit added to the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)*

Due to the unavailability of Nutramigen A+ Hypoallergenic Infant Formula Powder (PIN 00999520) manufactured by Mead Johnson Nutrition (Canada) Co., Nutramigen A+ with LGG Oral Powder (PIN 00999817) will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)*.

As there is limited supply of this product, it should be conserved for those patients in high need for this specialty formula. Note, quantities dispensed for this product should be limited to help provide equitable access, when possible.

As of **May 18, 2022**, all claims for Nutramigen A+ with LGG Oral Powder (PIN 00999817) 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 ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php.

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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