

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—September 30, 2022

In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Alberta Blue Cross offices will be closed.

Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations hours of operation

On **September 30**, Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations representatives will be available from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** to assist with your direct bill drug claiming inquiries.

We encourage you to use our self-serve options on the pharmacy provider website, which includes topical compound assessment, special authorization status inquiries, manual claim submission and payment summaries. For more information about the pharmacy provider website, please visit ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-secure-online-site.php.

Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL) interim update now available online

Please be advised that the October 1, 2022 Updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* has been posted online at ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php.

Please refer to the October 1, 2022 updates for complete listings of products available by special authorization, drug products with changes to benefit status, added products, products with a price change and discontinued products.

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

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

Due to the unavailability of pms-Sulfasalazine 500 mg Enteric-Coated Tablet (DIN 00598488) manufactured by Pharmascience Inc., Salazopyrin EN-Tabs 500 mg Enteric-Coated Tablet (DIN 02064472) manufactured by Pfizer Canada ULC, will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List on **September 12, 2022**.

As of **September 12, 2022**, all claims for Salazopyrin EN-Tabs 500 mg Enteric-Coated Tablet (DIN 02064472) 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.

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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 for Teva-Betamethasone/Calcipotriol Topical Ointment (DIN 02427419) 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 **October 19, 2022**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List on **September 19, 2022**.

CALCIPOTRIOL MONOHYDRATE

50 MCG/G / 0.5 MG/G TOPICAL OINTMENT

00002427419	TEVA-BETAMETHASONE/CALCIPOTRIOL	TEV\$ 1.2545
00002244126	DOVOBET	LEO\$ 1.6098

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortage for Sandoz-Azithromycin 20 mg/ml Oral Suspension (DIN 02332388) 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 **October 20, 2022**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List on **September 20, 2022**.

AZITHROMYCIN

20 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION

00002482363	AURO-AZITHROMYCIN	AUR	\$ 0.5881
00002332388	SANDOZ-AZITHROMYCIN	SDZ	\$ 0.5881
00002223716	ZITRHOMAX	PFI	\$ 1.1310

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)

Alberta Blue Cross offers online access to current Pharmacy Benefacts and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims.

Visit ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php

