

Temporary Benefits added to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Due to the unavailability of Isopto Carpine 2% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 00000868) manufactured by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc., **Pilocarpine Nitrate 2% Ophthalmic Solution (Minims)** manufactured by Bausch and Lomb Canada Inc. will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List **March 8, 2023**.

As of **March 8, 2023**, all claims for Pilocarpine Nitrate 2% Ophthalmic Solution (Minims) 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.

Due to the unavailability of Cyclogyl 1% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 00252506) manufactured by Alcon Canada Inc., **Cyclopentolate HCl 1% Ophthalmic Solution (Minims) (DIN 02148382)** manufactured by Bausch and Lomb Canada Inc. will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was previously added to the Critical Supply Product List **November 25, 2022**.

As of **March 8, 2023**, all claims for Cyclopentolate HCl 1% Ophthalmic Solution (Minims) (DIN 02148382) 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.

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

Due to the shortage of Lodalis 625 mg Tablet (DIN 02373955) manufactured by Bausch Health, Apo-Colesevelam 625 mg Tablet (DIN 02009757) manufactured by Apotex Inc. was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Bausch Health has advised Alberta Blue Cross® that the shortage for of Lodalis 625 mg Tablet (DIN 02373955) has been resolved.

Apo-Colesevelam 625 mg Tablet (DIN 02009757) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* after **March 31, 2023**. The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **March 31, 2023**.

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Product supply shortages addressed for Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Sandoz Morphine SR 15 mg Sustained-Release Tablet (DIN 02244790) and Teva-Morphine SR 15 mg Sustained-Release Tablet (DIN 02302764) 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 1, 2023**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **March 30, 2023**.

MORPHINE SULFATE

15 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET

00002244790	SANDOZ MORPHINE	SDZ	\$ 0.4145
00002302764	TEVA MORPHINE	TEV	\$ 0.4145
00002015439	MS CONTIN	PUR	\$ 0.7975

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Teva-Bupropion XL 300 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02439662) has been resolved and Sun Pharma Canada Inc has confirmed that the shortage for Taro-Bupropion XL 300 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02475812) 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 1, 2023**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **March 30, 2023**.

BUPROPION HCL

300 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET

00002475812	TARO-BUPROPION XL	SPG	\$ 0.5853
00002439662	TEVA-BUPROPION XL	APH	\$ 0.5853
00002275104	WELLBUTRIN XL	VCL	\$ 1.1769

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