

## Importation of United States-labelled Vigabatrin 500 mg Oral Powder Packet due to shortage of vigabatrin

Due to the shortages of vigabatrin in Canada, Health Canada has allowed the temporary import of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Canada Inc. US-labelled **Vigabatrin 500 mg Oral Powder Packet** with English labels from the United States. This medication has been added to Health Canada's List of Drugs for Exceptional Importation and Sale in Canada.

**A temporary product identification number** has been assigned to this **(US) Vigabatrin 500 mg Oral Powder Packet (PIN 09858315)** effective as of **October 27, 2023**. **This product will be available for order shortly.**

**Proper selection of the intended product must be verified to avoid confusion with other products and prevent medical errors.**

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

To ensure coverage is provided for this product, **(US) Vigabatrin 500 mg Oral Powder Packet (PIN 09858315)** will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* for members of eligible government-sponsored drug programs

As of **October 27, 2023**, all claims for this product will be adjudicated to the price of **\$5.0000** per packet.

Alberta Blue Cross® will continue to monitor the availability of shorted product(s) and potential alternatives, in addition to working with other provinces and territories, manufacturers and Health Canada, to address this shortage and minimize the impact on Albertans.

Due to the unavailability of Apo-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/dose Inhalation Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02245669), Sanis Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/dose Inhalation Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02419858) and Ventolin HFA 100 mcg/dose Inhalation Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02241497), **Teva-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/Dose Inhalation Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02326450)** will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. This grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List **October 26, 2023**.

As of **October 26, 2023**, all claims for **Teva-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/Dose Inhalation Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02326450)** 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](http://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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