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Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL) Interim Update now available online

Please be advised that the **May 1, 2025** Updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* has been posted online at **ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php**.

Please refer to the **May 1, 2025** updates for complete listings of products available by special authorization, restricted benefits, added products, new established interchangeable groupings, least cost alternative price changes, 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.

Product supply shortage addressed for ADBL

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for the above products has been resolved.

DIN	Product Description
00002362406	Apo-Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002545179	Auro-Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002340208	Sandoz Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002429667	(SIV) Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002427117	(SNS) Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002368242	Teva-Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet

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 16, 2025.**

TAMSULOSIN HCL

0.4 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET

00002362406	APO-TAMSULOSIN CR	APX	\$ 0.1500
00002545179	AURO-TAMSULOSIN CR	AUR	\$ 0.1500
00002340208	SANDOZ TAMSULOSIN CR	SDZ	\$ 0.1500
00002427117	TAMSULOSIN CR	SNS	\$ 0.1500
00002429667	TAMSULOSIN CR	SIV	\$ 0.1500
00002368242	TEVA-TAMSULOSIN CR	TEV	\$ 0.1500
00002270102	FLOMAX CR	BOE	\$ 0.6700

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Removal of Temporary Benefits from ADBL

Due to the unavailability of Orencia 125 mg/ml Injection Syringe (DIN 02402475), **Orencia SC 125 mg/ml Injection Syringe** (**US)** (**PIN 09858343**) manufactured by Bristol-Myers Squibb, was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List* (*ADBL*).

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Orencia 125 mg/ml Injection Syringe (DIN 02402475) has been resolved.

Orencia SC 125 mg/ml Injection Syringe (US) (PIN 09858343) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* **after May 15, 2025**. The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **April 15, 2025**.

Due to the unavailability of Sabril 500 mg Oral Sachet (DIN 02068036) manufactured by Lundbeck Inc., **Vigabatrin 500 mg Oral Powder (US) (PIN 09858315)** manufactured by Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Inc., was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for Sabril 500 mg Oral Sachet (DIN 02068036) has been resolved.

Vigabatrin 500 mg Oral Powder (US) (PIN 09858315) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* **after May 15, 2025.** The above grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **April 16, 2025.**

Due to the unavailability of the following products, **Jamp-Tamsulosin 0.4 mg Sustained-Release Capsule (DIN 2352419)** was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

DIN	Product Description
00002362406	Apo-Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002545179	Auro-Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002340208	Sandoz Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002429667	(SIV) Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002427117	(SNS) Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002368242	Teva-Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Extended-Release Tablet
00002319217	Sandoz Tamsulosin CR 0.4 mg Sustained-Release Capsule

Alberta Blue Cross has confirmed that the shortage for the above products has been resolved.

Jamp-Tamsulosin 0.4 mg Sustained-Release Capsule (DIN 02352419) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* **after May 15, 2025.**

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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