

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

Due to the unavailability of Apo-Brimonidine 0.2% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02260077) manufactured by Apotex Inc., pms-Brimonidine 0.2% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02246284) manufactured by Pharmascience Inc., Sandoz Brimonidine 0.2% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02305429) manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc., and Alphagan 0.2% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02236876) manufactured by Allergan Inc., Brimonidine P 0.15% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02301334) manufactured by AA Pharma Inc. will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Please note that Brimonidine P 0.15% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02301334) is a lower strength and the recommended dose differs (three times daily) from the currently listed Brimonidine 0.2% Ophthalmic Solution drug products (twice daily); therefore a prescription for the lower strength Brimonidine P 0.15% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02301334) is required.

As of **December 3, 2015**, all claims for Brimonidine P 0.15% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02301334) 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 <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.html>.

If this situation continues to be a long-term matter, then this product is subject to the usual review process by the Expert Committee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics, and must be approved by the Minister of Health for addition to the *ADBL* in order to remain as a benefit.

When you have questions:

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