

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

Due to the unavailability of Airomir CFC-Free 100 mcg/dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02232570) manufactured by Valeant Canada Limitee/Limited, Apo-Salvent CFC Free 100 mcg/dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02245669) manufactured by Apotex Inc., Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02419858) manufactured by Sanis Health Inc. and Ventolin HFA 100 mcg/dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02241497) manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline, Ventolin Diskus 200 mcg/dose Powder for Inhalation (DIN 02243115) will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Please be advised that Ventolin Diskus **contains 200 mcg of Salbutamol Sulfate per dose**. The recommended dose for Ventolin Diskus is one inhalation (200 mcg) as required and the total daily dose should not exceed four inhalations (800 mcg). Ventolin Diskus 200 mcg/dose Powder for Inhalation (DIN 02243115) is a higher strength than the Salbutamol 100 mcg/dose Metered Dose Inhalers; therefore, the dosing must be taken into consideration.

### Ventolin Diskus 200 mcg/dose Powder for Inhalation

	<b>Recommended dose and dosage adjustment acute symptoms* (relief of bronchospasm)</b>	<b>Intermittent and long-term treatment (prevention of bronchospasm)**</b>	<b>Prevention of exercise-induced bronchospasm</b>	<b>Maximum daily dose (total daily dose should not exceed)</b>
<b>Adults and children (four years and older)</b>	One Inhalation (200 mcg) as required.	One Inhalation (200 mcg) every four to six hours to a maximum of three to four times daily.	One Inhalation (200 mcg) 15 minutes before exercise.	Four Inhalations (800 mcg).

\*If a more severe attack has not been relieved by the usual dose, further inhalations may be required. In these cases, patients should immediately consult their doctors or the nearest hospital.

\*\*If, despite appropriate anti-inflammatory therapy (e.g. corticosteroids), regular daily use of the Ventolin Diskus inhalation powder remains necessary for the control of bronchospasm due to bronchial asthma.

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As of March 1, 2016, all claims for Ventolin Diskus 200 mcg/dose Powder for Inhalation (DIN 02243115) 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>.

Novo-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02326450) manufactured by Teva Canada Limited was previously communicated in Benefact #583 and remains a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. Please be advised that Novo-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02326450) **is not deemed interchangeable**.

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### When you have questions:

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