

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

Due to the unavailability of Teva-Captopril 50 mg Tablet (DIN 01942980) manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, Apo-Capto 50 mg Tablet (DIN 00893617) manufactured by Apotex Inc. will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of March 21, 2016, all claims for Apo-Capto 50 mg Tablet (DIN 00893617) 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.

## Removal of temporary benefits from the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Due to the shortage of Mylan-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02256126), manufactured by Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC, Apo-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02286637), manufactured by Apotex Inc. was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Mylan-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02256126) has been resolved.

As a result, Apo-Mirtazapine 45 mg Tablet (DIN 02286637) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* **after April 25, 2016**.

Due to the shortages of Airomir CFC-Free 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02232570) manufactured by Valeant Canada LP, 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, Novo-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02326450), manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, and Ventolin Diskus 200 mcg/Dose Powder for Inhalation (DIN 02243115), manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline were added as temporary benefits for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

GlaxoSmithKline has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Ventolin HFA 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02241497) has been resolved.

As a result, Novo-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02326450) and Ventolin Diskus 200 mcg/Dose Powder for Inhalation (DIN 02243115) will no longer be considered as temporary benefits for the *ADBL* **after April 28, 2016**.

# Product supply shortage addressed for *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Valeant Canada LP that the shortage of Airomir CFC-Free 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02232570) 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 **April 29, 2016**.

## SALBUTAMOL

### 100 MCG / DOSE INHALATION METERED DOSE AEROSOL

00002232570	AIROMIR CFC-FREE	VCL	\$ 0.0260
00002245669	APO-SALVENT CFC FREE	APX	\$ 0.0300
00002419858	SALBUTAMOL HFA	SNS	\$ 0.0300
00002241497	VENTOLIN HFA	GSK	\$ 0.0300

## When you have questions:

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