

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. and Pharmascience Inc. that the shortages for Apo-Entecavir 0.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02396955) and pms-Entecavir 0.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02430576), respectively, have 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 **May 11, 2016**.

ENTECAVIR

0.5 MG TABLET

00002396955	APO-ENTECAVIR	APX	\$ 11.0000
00002430576	PMS-ENTECAVIR	PMS	\$ 11.0000
00002282224	BARACLUDE	BMS	\$ 22.0000

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Hospira Healthcare Corporation that the shortage of Pamidronate Disodium 30 mg/10 ml Vial Injection (DIN 02244550) 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 **May 13, 2016**.

PAMIDRONATE DISODIUM

3 MG / ML INJECTION

00002244550	PAMIDRONATE DISODIUM	HSP	\$ 3.0317
00002249669	PAMIDRONATE DISODIUM OMEGA	OMG	\$ 8.2186

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Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Hospira Healthcare Corporation that the shortage of Pamidronate Disodium 90 mg/10 ml Vial Injection (DIN 02244552) 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 **May 13, 2016**.

PAMIDRONATE DISODIUM

9 MG / ML INJECTION

00002244552	PAMIDRONATE DISODIUM	HSP	\$ 9.0953
00002249685	PAMIDRONATE DISODIUM OMEGA	OMG	\$ 24.6558

When you have questions:

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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