

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

Please be advised that the October 1, 2016 Updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* has been posted online at <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.html>

Please refer to the October 1, 2016 Updates for complete listings of products available by special authorization, added products, new established interchangeable groupings, least cost alternative (LCA) price changes, maximum allowable cost (MAC) new categories, products with a price change, discontinued listings, and products removed from the *ADBL* as price policy requirements not satisfied.

Please note that the online *Interactive Drug Benefit List (iDBL)* at https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl_main1.html is a near real-time application, and as such, contains the most up-to-date information.

Effective October 1, 2016, the following Drug Products will be removed from the ADBL as the Manufacturers of these products did not comply with the amended Price Policy

On August 26, 2016, an amended Alberta Price Policy was published to align Alberta's application of the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance's Tiered Pricing Framework with other jurisdictions' application. This will facilitate Alberta maintaining low generic drug prices and achieving maximum savings, while maintaining appropriate patient-care. Manufacturers with drug products currently listed in Alberta who were impacted by the amendment to the Price Policy were invited to re-quote the price of their drug product(s). Prices were required to be equal to or less than the Least Cost Alternative (LCA) price that was effective as of February 2015 for continued listing.

Please be advised, the following drug products will no longer be listed on the *ADBL* effective October 1, 2016, as the Manufacturers chose to not comply with the amendment to the Price Policy.

It is anticipated that there will be no impact to patient-care as all drug products scheduled to be removed from the *ADBL* effective October 1, 2016 have been identified as having interchangeable drug product(s) and therapeutic alternatives that will remain as eligible benefits on the *ADBL*. Patients with prescriptions for any of these drug products as covered benefits for Alberta government-sponsored drug programs are encouraged to discuss other interchangeable drugs products or therapeutic alternatives with their health care provider. As per current strategies to ensure patient access, pharmacists are encouraged to contact Alberta Blue Cross to request a Temporary Benefit when necessary.

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Effective October 1, 2016, the listed products will no longer be a benefit and will not be considered for coverage by Special Authorization. A 30 day transition period will be applied to allow physicians, pharmacists and patients directly affected by these changes sufficient time to transition to another drug therapy as appropriate and, as of November 1, 2016, claims will no longer be paid for these products.

DIN	Product Description
00893595	Apo-Capto 12.5 mg Tablet
00893609	Apo-Capto 25 mg Tablet
00893617	Apo-Capto 50 mg Tablet
00893625	Apo-Capto 100 mg Tablet
02352931	Apo-Enalapril Maleate/HCTZ 10 mg/25 mg Tablet
02302942	Apo-Pioglitazone 15 mg Tablet
02302950	Apo-Pioglitazone 30 mg Tablet
02302977	Apo-Pioglitazone 45 mg Tablet
00642886	Apo-Piroxicam 10 mg Capsule
00642894	Apo-Piroxicam 20 mg Capsule
02280396	Apo-Risperidone 1 mg/ml Oral Solution
02125250	Apo-Sucralfate 1 g Tablet
02302861	Co Pioglitazone 15 mg Tablet
02302888	Co Pioglitazone 30 mg Tablet
02302896	Co Pioglitazone 45 mg Tablet
02397307	Jamp-Pioglitazone 15 mg Tablet
02365529	Jamp-Pioglitazone 30 mg Tablet
02365537	Jamp-Pioglitazone 45 mg Tablet
02447800	Jamp-Timolol 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution
02326477	Mint-Pioglitazone 15 mg Tablet
02326485	Mint-Pioglitazone 30 mg Tablet
02326493	Mint-Pioglitazone 45 mg Tablet
02303124	pms-Pioglitazone 15 mg Tablet
02303132	pms-Pioglitazone 30 mg Tablet
02303140	pms-Pioglitazone 45 mg Tablet
02329204	Ran-Cefprozil 25 mg/ml Oral Suspension
02293579	Ran-Cefprozil 50 mg/ml Oral Suspension
02358611	Sandoz Montelukast 4 mg Granules
02297906	Sandoz Pioglitazone 15 mg Tablet
02297914	Sandoz Pioglitazone 30 mg Tablet
02297922	Sandoz Pioglitazone 45 mg Tablet
02241755	Sandoz Tobramycin 0.3% Ophthalmic Solution

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Additionally, effective October 1, 2016 the following Drug Products will be removed from the ADBL as these Drug Products have been discontinued by the Manufacturer:

Notification of discontinuation has been received from the manufacturers. The Alberta government-sponsored drug programs previously covered the following drug products. Effective October 1, 2016, the listed products will no longer be a benefit and will not be considered for coverage by Special Authorization. A transition period will be applied and, as of November 1, 2016, claims will no longer be paid for these products. Patients impacted by the discontinuation of these drug products as covered benefits for Alberta government-sponsored drug programs are encouraged to discuss therapeutic alternatives with their health care provider.

DIN	Product Description
02210355	Mylan-Verapamil SR 180 mg Tablet
02231184	Novo-Indapamide 2.5 mg Tablet
02413205	Ocphyl 100 mcg/ml Injection
02083345	pms-Timolol 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution
02245458	Sodium Aurothiomalate 50 mg/ml Injection
02385058	Zarah 21 Tablet
02385066	Zarah 28 Tablet

For a summary of all updates, please refer to the October 1, 2016 Updates for highlights of products and pricing changes.

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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:

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area) • 403-294-4041 (Calgary and area) • 1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area) • FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

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