

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. that the shortage of Apo-Propafenone 150 mg Tablet (DIN 02243324) 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 **November 17, 2016**.

PROPAFENONE HCL

150 MG TABLET

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| 00002243324 | APO-PROPAFENONE | APX | \$ 0.2965 |
| 00000603708 | RYTHMOL | BGP | \$ 1.2012 |

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortage of Methotrexate (Preserved) 25 mg/ml Injection USP (DIN 02398427) 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 **November 18, 2016**.

METHOTREXATE SODIUM

25 MG / ML (BASE) INJECTION

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| 00002398427 | METHOTREXATE (PRESERVED) | SDZ | \$ 4.4600 |
| 00002182777 | METHOTREXATE SODIUM (PRESERVED) | HSP | \$ 8.4472 |

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Teva Canada Limited that the shortage of Novo-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02238334) 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 **November 21, 2016**.

CLOBAZAM

10 MG TABLET

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| 00002238334 | NOVO-CLOBAZAM | TEV | \$ 0.1152 |
| 00002244638 | APO-CLOBAZAM | APX | \$ 0.2197 |

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

Due to the shortages of Novo-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02238334) manufactured by Teva Canada Limited and Apo-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02244638) manufactured by Apotex Inc., Frisium 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02221799), manufactured by Lundbeck Inc. was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Teva Canada Limited and Apotex Inc. have advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortages of Novo-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02238334) and Apo-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02244638) respectively have been resolved.

As a result, Frisium 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02221799) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* after **November 18, 2016**.

When you have questions:

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