

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Pharmascience Inc. that the shortage for pms-Risperidone 1 mg/ml Oral Solution (DIN 02279266) 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 **February 16, 2017**.

RISPERIDONE TARTRATE

1 MG / ML ORAL SOLUTION

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| 00002279266 | PMS-RISPERIDONE | PMS | \$ 0.4662 |
| 00002236950 | RISPERDAL | JAI | \$ 1.4118 |

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

Due to the unavailability of pms-Oxycodone 5 mg Tablet (DIN 02319977) manufactured by Pharmascience Inc. and Supeudol 5 mg Tablet (DIN 00789739) manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc., Oxy-IR 5 mg Tablet (DIN 02231934) manufactured by Purdue Pharma will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of January 11, 2017, all claims for Oxy-IR 5 mg Tablet (DIN 02231934) 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.

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)

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Alberta Blue Cross offers online access to current Pharmacy Benefacts and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims. Visit <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php>



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