

# Pharmacy Benefact

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

Please be advised that the February 1, 2017 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 February 1, 2017 Updates for complete listings of products available by special authorization with changes to criteria for coverage, step therapy/special authorization products, drug products with changes to benefit status, added products, restricted benefit products, new established interchangeable groupings, least cost alternative (LCA) price changes, maximum allowable cost (MAC), products with a price change and discontinued listings.

Alberta Health has chosen to highlight the following changes to Drug Products on the ADBL effective February 1, 2017:

- The Alberta Expert Committee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics considered the status of clopidogrel, and recommended that clopidogrel be changed to a Regular Benefit listing.
- As previously communicated in Benefact #667, select inhaled combination drug products for the treatment of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) will now be eligible via Step Therapy. Step Therapy is an enhancement that may provide drug coverage without the members having to visit their doctor to request Special Authorization.
- As previously communicated in Benefact #668, Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) pricing will be applied to eligible proton pump inhibitors (PPI).
- The listing status for select anti-infective agents will be changed from Special Authorization to Restricted Benefit/Special Authorization.

Please note that the online *Interactive Drug Benefit List (iDBL)* at [https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl\\_main1.html](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.

### 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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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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