

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 Sterimax Inc. that the shortage for Triamcinolone Acetonide USP 40 mg/ml Injection (DIN 01977563) 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 March 1, 2017**.

TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE

40 MG / ML INJECTION

00001977563	TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE USP	STM	\$ 5.5000
00001999869	KENALOG-40	WSD	\$ 7.9814

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Teva Canada Limited that the shortage of Novo-Divalproex 250 mg Enteric-Coated Tablet (DIN 02239702) 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 second tier price **effective March 3, 2017**.

DIVALPROEX SODIUM (VALPROIC ACID EQUIVALENT)

250 MG ENTERIC-COATED TABLET

00002239699	APO-DIVALPROEX	APX	\$ 0.1301
00002400502	DIVALPROEX	SNS	\$ 0.1301
00002239702	NOVO-DIVALPROEX	TEV	\$ 0.1366
00000596426	EPIVAL	BGP	\$ 0.5270

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Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Teva Canada Limited that the shortage of Novo-Divalproex 500 mg Enteric-Coated Tablet (DIN 02239703) 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 second tier price **effective March 3, 2017**.

DIVALPROEX SODIUM (VALPROIC ACID EQUIVALENT)

500 MG ENTERIC-COATED TABLET

00002239700	APO-DIVALPROEX	APX	\$ 0.2604
00002400510	DIVALPROEX	SNS	\$ 0.2604
00002239703	NOVO-DIVALPROEX	TEV	\$ 0.2734
00000596434	EPIVAL	BGP	\$ 1.0547

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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