

Pharmacy Benefact

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

Please be advised that the June 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 June 1, 2017 Updates for complete listings of added products and discontinued listings.

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.

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

Due to the shortage of Pdp-Erythromycin 5 mg/g Ophthalmic Ointment (DIN 01912755) manufactured by Pendopharm Inc., Odan-Erythromycin 5 mg/g Ophthalmic Ointment (DIN 00641324) manufactured by Odan Laboratories Limited was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Pendopharm Inc. has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Pdp-Erythromycin 5 mg/g Ophthalmic Ointment (DIN 01912755) has been resolved. As a result, Odan-Erythromycin 5 mg/g Ophthalmic Ointment (DIN 00641324) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* **after June 23, 2017**.

Due to the shortage of Teva-Gemfibrozil 300 mg Capsule (DIN 02241704) manufactured by Teva Canada Limited and Apo-Gemfibrozil 300 mg Capsule (DIN 01979574) manufactured by Apotex Inc., pms-Gemfibrozil 300 mg Capsule (DIN 02239951) manufactured by Pharmascience Inc. was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Teva Canada Limited has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Teva-Gemfibrozil 300 mg Capsule (DIN 02241704) has been resolved. As a result, pms-Gemfibrozil 300 mg Capsule (DIN 02239951) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* **after June 26, 2017**.

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)

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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