

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Accel Pharma Inc. that the shortage for Accel-Pioglitazone 30 mg Tablet (DIN 02303450) 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 **July 7, 2017**.

PIOGLITAZONE HCL

30 MG TABLET

00002303450	ACCEL-PIOGLITAZONE	ACP	\$ 0.4736
00002434148	VAN-PIOGLITAZONE	VAN	\$ 0.4836
00002242573	ACTOS	TAK	\$ 3.2949

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

Due to the shortages of the following products:

DIN/PIN	Product description	Manufacturer
02393581	Act Nabilone 0.5 mg Capsule	Actavis Pharma Company
02380900	pms-Nabilone 0.5 mg Capsule	Pharmascience Inc.
02358085	Ran-Nabilone 0.5 mg Capsule	Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc
02384884	Teva-Nabilone 0.5 mg Capsule	Teva Canada Limited
02256193	Cesamet 0.5 mg Capsule	Valeant Canada LP

Teva-Nabilone 0.25 mg Capsule (DIN 02392925) manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of **May 30, 2017**, all claims for Teva-Nabilone 0.25 mg Capsule (DIN 02392925) 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.

... continued from previous page

Due to the unavailability of Engerix-B 20 mcg/ml Injection (DIN 01919431) manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline, Engerix-B 10 mcg/0.5 ml Suspension (DIN 02296454) manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of **June 3, 2017**, all claims for Engerix-B 10 mcg/0.5 ml Suspension (DIN 02296454) 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.

Due to the unavailability of Mylan-Cimetidine 600 mg Tablet (DIN 02227460) manufactured by Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC, Apo-Cimetidine 600 mg Tablet (DIN 00600067) manufactured by Apotex Inc. will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of **June 6, 2017**, all claims for Apo-Cimetidine 600 mg Tablet (DIN 00600067) 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)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area) • **FAX 1-877-305-9911** (toll free)

Alberta Blue Cross offers online access to current Pharmacy Benefits 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>



**The Blue Cross symbol and name are registered marks of the Canadian Association of Blue Cross Plans, an association of independent Blue Cross plans. Licensed to ABC Benefits Corporation for use in operating the Alberta Blue Cross Plan. *† Blue Shield is a registered trade-mark of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association. ABC 82320.693 2017/06

