

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

Please be advised that the September 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 September 1, 2017 Updates for complete listings of: products available by special authorization, products available by restricted benefit/special authorization, products available by step therapy/special authorization, drug products with changes to criteria for coverage, added products, new established interchangeable groupings, least cost alternative (LCA) price changes, products with a price change 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 benefit from the Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)

Due to the shortage of Pamidronate Disodium 30 mg/10 ml Vial Injection (DIN 02244550) manufactured by Hospira Healthcare Corporation, Pamidronate Disodium 30 mg/10 ml Vial Injection (DIN 02246597) manufactured by Fresenius Kabi Canada was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Hospira Healthcare Corporation has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Pamidronate Disodium 30 mg/10 ml Vial Injection (DIN 02244550) has been resolved.

As a result, Pamidronate Disodium 30 mg/10 ml Vial Injection (DIN 02246597) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* **after September 15, 2017.**

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortage for Sandoz Tobramycin 0.3% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02241755) 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 **September 18, 2017**.

TOBRAMYCIN

0.3 % OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION

00002241755	SANDOZ TOBRAMYCIN	SDZ	\$ 1.3620
00000513962	TOBEX	ALC	\$ 1.8580

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>

