

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC and Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortages for Mylan-Nitro 0.4 mg/Dose Sublingual Spray (DIN 02243588) and Rho-Nitro Pumpspray 0.4 mg/Dose Sublingual Spray (DIN 02238998) respectively have been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of these shortages, a transition period will be applied, and as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping effective **March 12, 2018**.

NITROGLYCERIN

0.4 MG / DOSE SUBLINGUAL METERED DOSE SPRAY

00002393433	APO-NITROGLYCERIN	APX	\$ 0.0421
00002243588	MYLAN-NITRO	MYP	\$ 0.0421
00002238998	RHO-NITRO PUMPSPRAY	SDZ	\$ 0.0421
00002231441	NITROLINGUAL PUMPSPRAY	SAV	\$ 0.0762

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by AA Pharma Inc. that the shortage for Lorazepam 1 mg Sublingual Tablet (DIN 02410753) 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 15, 2018**.

LORAZEPAM

1 MG SUBLINGUAL TABLET

00002410753	LORAZEPAM	AAP	\$ 0.1100
00002041464	ATIVAN	PFI	\$ 0.1467

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

Due to the shortage of Ceftriaxone for Injection USP 0.25 g/Vial Injection (DIN 02292866) manufactured by Apotex Inc. and Ceftriaxone Sodium for Injection BP 0.25 g/Vial Injection (DIN 02325594) manufactured by Sterimax Inc., Ceftriaxone for Injection BP 0.25 g/Vial Injection (DIN 02292262) manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc. was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Sterimax Inc. has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Ceftriaxone Sodium for Injection BP 0.25 g/Vial Injection (DIN 02325594) has been resolved.

As a result, Ceftriaxone for Injection BP 0.25 g/Vial Injection (DIN 02292262) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* after **March 20, 2018**.

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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