

# Pharmacy Benefact

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

Please be advised that the June 1, 2018 Updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* has been posted online at [www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.html](http://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.html)

Please refer to the June 1, 2018 Updates for complete listings of: products available by special authorization, products available by restricted benefit / special authorization, products with changes to criteria for coverage, restricted benefits, added products, new established interchangeable groupings, products with a price change and discontinued listings.

Please note that the online *Interactive Drug Benefit List (iDBL)* at [www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl\\_main1.html](http://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl_main1.html) is a near real-time application, and as such, contains the most up-to-date information.

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortage of Sandoz Fenofibrate S 160 mg Tablet (DIN 02288052) 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 **June 21, 2018**.

### FENOFIBRATE

#### 160 MG CAPSULE / TABLET

00002246860	APO-FENO-SUPER (TABLET)	APX	\$ 0.2723
00002288052	SANDOZ FENOFIBRATE S (TABLET)	SDZ	\$ 0.2723
00002241602	LIPIDIL SUPRA (TABLET)	BGP	\$ 1.3092

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Teva Canada Limited that the shortage of Novo-Clobazam 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02238334) 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 **June 22, 2018**.

### CLOBAZAM

#### 10 MG TABLET

00002238334	NOVO-CLOBAZAM	TEV	\$ 0.1210
00002244638	APO-CLOBAZAM	APX	\$ 0.2197

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

Due to the shortage of pms-Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02274086) manufactured by Pharmascience Inc., Apo-Hydro 12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02327856) manufactured by Apotex Inc. was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Pharmascience Inc. has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of pms-Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02274086) has been resolved.

As a result, Apo-Hydro 12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02327856) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* after **June 25, 2018**.

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## 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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