

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. and Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortages of Apo-Alendronate/Vitamin D3 70 mg/5600 Unit Tablet (DIN 02454475) and SDZ Alendronate/Cholecalciferol 70 mg/5600 Unit Tablet (DIN 02429160) respectively have 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 30, 2018**.

ALENDRONATE SODIUM / VITAMIN D3 70 MG / 5,600 UNIT TABLET

00002454475	APO-ALENDRONATE/VITAMIN D3 70 MG/5600 UNIT TABLET	APX	\$ 1.2174
00002429160	SDZ ALENDRONATE/CHOLECALCIFEROL 70 MG/5600 UNIT TABLET	SDZ	\$ 1.2174
00002403641	TEVA-ALENDRONATE/CHOLECALCIFEROL 70 MG/5600 UNIT TABLET	TEV	\$ 1.2174
00002314940	FOSAVANCE 70 MG/5600 UNIT TABLET	MFC	\$ 4.8970

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

Due to the unavailability of Altace HCT 5 mg/12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02283158) manufactured by Valeant Canada LP, Ran-Ramipril HCTZ 5 mg/12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02449447) manufactured by Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc., will be considered a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of **June 27, 2018**, all claims for Ran-Ramipril HCTZ 5 mg/12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02449447) 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 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:

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