

Blood Glucose Test Strip Limit

Effective September 1, 2018, Alberta Blue Cross will apply a new quantity limit for Blood Glucose Test Strips (PIN 00999955) on select employer-sponsored group plans that provide coverage for diabetic supplies.

Please be aware that this limit is specific to Alberta Blue Cross employer-sponsored group plans only, and is different from any existing limits for this product under government-sponsored drug coverage or Individual Product plans. Government-sponsored drug coverage will not be impacted by these changes and any other existing limits will remain unchanged.

The Blood Glucose Test Strip limit for select employer-sponsored group plans will be based on the member's benefit year, as defined by the plan administrator. The quantity limit will reset annually at the beginning of each benefit year. Once the member has claimed the maximum quantity of blood glucose test strips for the benefit year, any additional claims within the same benefit year will reject with the CPhA code of **C5 - plan maximum exceeded**.

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Pharmascience Inc. that the shortage for pms-Oxycodone 10 mg Tablet (DIN 02319985) 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 27, 2018**.

OXYCODONE HCL

10 MG TABLET

00002319985	PMS-OXYCODONE	PMS	\$ 0.1991
00000443948	SUPEUDOL	SDZ	\$ 0.2283
00002240131	OXY-IR	PUR	\$ 0.4060

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Pharmascience Inc. that the shortage for pms-Oxycodone 20 mg Tablet (DIN 02319993) 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 27, 2018**.

OXYCODONE HCL

20 MG TABLET

00002319993	PMS-OXYCODONE	PMS	\$ 0.3112
00002262983	SUPEUDOL	SDZ	\$ 0.3965
00002240132	OXY-IR	PUR	\$ 0.7060

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Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. that the shortage for Apo-Atenidone 50 mg/25 mg Tablet (DIN 02248763) 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 29, 2018**.

ATENOLOL/ CHLORTHALIDONE

50 MG / 25 MG TABLET

00002248763	APO-ATENIDONE	APX	\$ 0.3195
00002302918	TEVA-ATENOLTHALIDONE	TEV	\$ 0.3195
00002049961	TENORETIC 50/25	AZC	\$ 0.7122

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 ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php



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