

Interim Order Issued by Health Canada for Epinephrine Shortage - Temporary Benefit added to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

On August 29, 2018, Health Canada issued an Interim Order to allow the import of Auvi-Q 0.15 mg Auto-Injector Syringe from the USA and has issued the product a temporary Product Identification Number (PIN 02480360).

The Interim Order was issued as an emergency measure and response to the unavailability of Epipen Junior (0.15 mg) Auto Injector Syringe (DIN 00509558) and Epipen (0.3 mg) Auto Injector Syringe (DIN 00509558). On August 29, 2018, Auvi-Q 0.30 mg Auto-Injector Syringe (DIN 02480379) was added as a temporary benefit.

Due to the unavailability of Epipen Junior (0.15 mg) Auto Injector Syringe (DIN 00509558), Auvi-Q 0.15 mg Auto-Injector Syringe (PIN 02480360) will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

PIN	Product Description	Unit Price
02480360	Auvi-Q 0.15 mg Auto-Injector Syringe	\$180.0000

As of **August 29, 2018**, all claims for the above product will be adjudicated to the price of **\$180.0000 per auto-injector syringe**. McKesson has advised that stock is in transit to their Alberta McKesson warehouses.

For more information regarding the Interim Order issued by Health Canada, please refer to the following webpage: healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2018/67658a-eng.php

Please note that although this product is sold as a package of two with an auto-injector and trainer device, Health Canada has indicated that single auto-injectors may be dispensed as necessary to conserve supply and that Patient Instructions for Use must be provided with each Auvi-Q Auto-Injector dispensed.

Alberta Blue Cross will continue to monitor the availability of the shorted products and potential alternatives, in addition to working with other provinces and territories, manufacturers and Health Canada to address this shortage and minimize the impact on Albertans.

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 be a formal benefit.

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Mint Pharmaceuticals Inc. that the shortage for Mint-Eplerenone 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02471450) 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 **October 11, 2018**.

EPLERENONE

50 MG TABLET

00002471450	MINT-EPLERENONE	MPI	\$ 2.0595
00002323060	INSPRA	PFI	\$ 2.7164

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Teva Canada Limited and Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortages of Teva-Tobramycin 60 mg/ml Inhalation Solution (DIN 02389622) and Tobramycin 60 mg/ml Inhalation Solution (DIN 02443368) 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 **October 11, 2018**.

TOBRAMYCIN SULFATE

60 MG / ML INHALATION SOLUTION

00002389622	TEVA-TOBRAMYCIN	TEV	\$ 5.4763
00002443368	TOBRAMYCIN	SDZ	\$ 5.4763
00002239630	TOBI	NOV	\$ 10.7608

When you have questions:

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