

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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

Due to the unavailability of the following products, Accel-Candesartan/HCTZ 32 mg/25 mg Tablet (DIN 02463857) manufactured by Accel Pharma Inc., will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*:

DIN	Product Description	Manufacturer
02421054	Auro-Candesartan HCT 32 mg/25 mg Tablet	Auro Pharma Inc.
02420740	Sandoz Candesartan Plus 32 mg/25 mg Tablet	Sandoz Canada Inc.
02332957	Atacand Plus 32 mg/25 mg Tablet	Astrazeneca Canada Inc.

As of **March 7, 2019**, all claims for Accel-Candesartan/HCTZ 32 mg/25 mg Tablet (DIN 02463857) 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 <https://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.

Removal of temporary benefit from the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)*

Due to the shortage of Pediatrix 80 mg/ml Oral Drops (DIN 02027801) manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, Tempra Infant 80 mg/ml Oral Drops (DIN 00875988) manufactured by Paladin Labs Inc. was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)*.

Teva Canada Limited has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Pediatrix 80 mg/ml Oral Drops (DIN 02027801) has been resolved.

As a result, Tempra Infant 80 mg/ml Oral Drops (DIN 00875988) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *HSDBS* after **April 8, 2019**.

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)

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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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