

April 1, 2019 Full Updates for the Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL), Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS) and Palliative Coverage Drug Benefit Supplement (PCDBS)

Please be advised that the annual April 1, 2019 Full Updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*, *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit List (HSDBS)* and the *Palliative Coverage Drug Benefit Supplement (PCDBS)* have been posted online at www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.html

Effective April 1, 2019, the following Drug Products will be removed from the ADBL as the Manufacturer did not submit a Price to the annual Alberta Price Confirmation process:

As per the Alberta Price Policy, Manufacturers with Drug Products currently listed on the ADBL were invited to re-quote the price of their Drug Product(s) for continual listing. Please be advised that the following Drug Products will no longer be listed or eligible for payment under Alberta government-sponsored drug programs effective April 1, 2019 as these Manufacturers have chosen not to re-confirm their price.

All Drug Products scheduled to be removed from the ADBL have been identified as having therapeutic alternatives. *Effective April 1, 2019, the listed products will no longer be a benefit and will not be considered for coverage by Special Authorization. A 30 day transition period will be applied to allow physicians, pharmacists, and patients directly affected by these changes sufficient time to transition to another drug therapy as appropriate and, as of May 1, 2019, claims will no longer pay for these products.*

Patients impacted by the removal of these Drug Products as covered benefits for Alberta government-sponsored drug programs are encouraged to discuss therapeutic alternatives with their health care provider.

| DIN/PIN | Product Description |
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| 02155966 | Cipro 500 mg Tablet |
| 00000981 | Mydriacyl 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution |
| 00001007 | Mydriacyl 1% Ophthalmic Solution |
| 02229777 | Pharixia 0.15 % Rinse |
| 02401967 | Tricira Lo 21 Tablet |
| 02401975 | Tricira Lo 28 Tablet |

Additionally, effective April 1, 2019, the following Drug Products will be removed from the ADBL as these Drug Products have been discontinued by the Manufacturer:

Notification of discontinuation has been received from the manufacturers. The Alberta government-sponsored drug programs previously covered the following Drug Products. Effective April 1, 2019, the listed products will no longer be a benefit and will not be considered for coverage by Special Authorization. A transition period will be applied and, as of May 1, 2019, claims will no longer pay for these products. Patients impacted by the discontinuation of these Drug Products as covered benefits for Alberta government-sponsored drug programs are encouraged to discuss therapeutic alternatives with their health care provider.

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| DIN/PIN | Product Description |
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| 02371235 | Apo-Losartan/HCTZ 50 mg/12.5 mg Tablet |
| 02371243 | Apo-Losartan/HCTZ 100 mg/12.5 mg Tablet |
| 02371251 | Apo-Losartan/HCTZ 100 mg/25 mg Tablet |
| 00642223 | Apo-Pen-VK 25 mg/ml Oral Liquid |
| 00642231 | Apo-Pen-VK 60 mg/ml Oral Liquid |
| 00307246 | Blephamide S.O.P. 0.2%/10% Ophthalmic Ointment |
| 01984837 | Bonefos 60 mg/ml Injection |
| 02155958 | Cipro 250 mg Tablet |
| 02155974 | Cipro 750 mg Tablet |
| 02050021 | Doxepin 75 mg Capsule |
| 00999918 | Ensure Fibre |
| 00803499 | Modulon 200 mg Tablet |
| 02396718 | Mylan-Fentanyl Matrix 25 mcg/hr Transdermal Patch |
| 02396734 | Mylan-Fentanyl Matrix 75 mcg/hr Transdermal Patch |
| 02396742 | Mylan-Fentanyl Matrix 100 mcg/hr Transdermal Patch |
| 02230245 | pms-Amoxicillin 25 mg/ml Oral Suspension |
| 02230246 | pms-Amoxicillin 50 mg/ml Oral Suspension |
| 02230243 | pms-Amoxicillin 250 mg Capsule |
| 02418452 | pms-Azithromycin 20 mg/ml Oral Suspension |
| 02418460 | pms-Azithromycin 40 mg/ml Oral Suspension |
| 00792675 | pms-Ferrous Sulfate 30 mg/ml Oral Solution |
| 02238604 | pms-Potassium Chloride 1.33 mEq/ml Oral Liquid |

For a summary of all updates, please refer to the April 1, 2019 Summary of Changes for highlights of products and pricing changes.

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

If this situation continues to be a long-term matter, then these products are 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:

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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