

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 Mylan-Nifedipine Extended Release 60 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02321149), manufactured by Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC and Adalat XL 60 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02155990), manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc., pms-Nifedipine ER 60 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02416301) manufactured by Pharmascience Inc., will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

As of **March 29, 2019**, all claims for pms-Nifedipine ER 60 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02416301) 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.

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by AA Pharma Inc. that the shortage for Ondansetron 4 mg/5 ml Oral Solution (DIN 02291967) 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 **May 6, 2019**.

ONDANSETRON HCL DIHYDRATE

0.8 MG / ML ORAL SOLUTION

00002291967	ONDANSETRON	AAP	\$ 1.6641
00002229639	ZOFRAN	NOV	\$ 2.1872

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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