

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. that the shortage for Apo-Pinaverium 100 mg Tablet (DIN 02469685) 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 **January 3, 2020**.

PINAVERIUM BROMIDE

100 MG TABLET

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| 00002469685 | APO-PINAVERIUM | APX | \$ 0.5346 |
| 00002230684 | DICETEL | BGP | \$ 0.6419 |

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by AA Pharma Inc. that the shortage for Desmopressin 10 mcg/dose Nasal Spray (DIN 02242465) 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 **January 3, 2020**.

DESMOPRESSIN ACETATE

10 MCG / DOSE NASAL METERED DOSE SPRAY

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| 00002242465 | DESMOPRESSIN | AAP | \$ 1.5222 |
| 00000836362 | DDAVP | FEI | \$ 1.9796 |

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc. that the shortage for Taro-Phenytoin 25 mg/ml Oral Suspension (DIN 02250896) 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 **January 6, 2020**.

PHENYTOIN

25 MG / ML ORAL SUSPENSION

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| 00002250896 | TARO-PHENYTOIN | TAR | \$ 0.0428 |
| 00000023450 | DILANTIN-125 | PFI | \$ 0.0571 |

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Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc. that the shortage for Taro-Benzoyl Peroxide/Clinda Kit 5%/1% Topical Gel (DIN 02464519) 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 **January 8, 2020**.

CLINDAMYCIN PHOSPHATE/ BENZOYL PEROXIDE

1 % / 5 % TOPICAL GEL

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| 00002464519 | TARO-BENZOYL PEROXIDE/CLINDAMYCIN KIT | TAR | \$ 0.7422 |
| 00002248472 | BENZACLIN | VCL | \$ 1.0141 |

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Auro Pharma Inc., Sandoz Canada Inc., Sanis Health Inc, Sivem Pharmaceuticals ULC and Teva Canada Limited that the shortages for Auro-Venlafaxine XR 150 mg Extended-Release Capsule (DIN 02452855), Sandoz Venlafaxine XR 150 mg Extended-Release Capsule (DIN 02310333), Venlafaxine XR 150 mg Extended-Release Capsule (DIN 02354748), Venlafaxine XR 150 mg Extended-Release Capsule (DIN 02385945) and Teva-Venlafaxine XR 150 mg Extended-Release Capsule (DIN 02275058) respectively, have been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of these shortages, a transition period will be applied, and as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping effective **January 8, 2020**.

VENLAFAXINE HCL

150 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULE

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| 00002331705 | APO-VENLAFAXINE XR | APX | \$ 0.1927 |
| 00002452855 | AURO-VENLAFAXINE XR | AUR | \$ 0.1927 |
| 00002278561 | PMS-VENLAFAXINE XR | PMS | \$ 0.1927 |
| 00002380099 | RAN-VENLAFAXINE XR | RAN | \$ 0.1927 |
| 00002310333 | SANDOZ VENLAFAXINE XR | SDZ | \$ 0.1927 |
| 00002275058 | TEVA-VENLAFAXINE XR | TEV | \$ 0.1927 |
| 00002354748 | VENLAFAXINE XR | SNS | \$ 0.1927 |
| 00002385945 | VENLAFAXINE XR | SIV | \$ 0.1927 |
| 00002237282 | EFFEXOR XR | PFI | \$ 2.1124 |

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:

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