

# Pharmacy Benefact

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## Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL) Interim Update now available online

Please be advised that the **February 1, 2020** Updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* has been posted online at [www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php](http://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php)

Please refer to the February 1, 2020 updates for complete listings of products available by special authorization, products available by step therapy/special authorization, products available by restricted benefit/special authorization, products with changes to criteria for coverage, restricted benefits, added products, new established interchangeable groupings, LCA price changes, products with a price change, and discontinued listings.

Please note that the online *Interactive Drug Benefit List (iDBL)* at [www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl\\_main1.php](http://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/idbl_main1.php) is a near real-time application, and as such, contains the most up-to-date information.

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortage for Sandoz Voriconazole 200 mg Tablet (DIN 02399253) 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 **February 20, 2020**.

#### VORICONAZOLE

##### 200 MG TABLET

00002399253	SANDOZ VORICONAZOLE	SDZ	\$ 26.4807
00002396874	TEVA-VORICONAZOLE	TEV	\$ 26.4807
00002256479	VFEND	PFI	\$ 53.3843

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## Removal of temporary benefit from the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Due to the shortage of Adalat XL 30 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02155907) manufactured by Bayer Inc. and Mylan-Nifedipine 30 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02349167) manufactured by Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC, pms-Nifedipine ER 30 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02418630) manufactured by Pharmascience Inc. was added as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

Bayer Inc. has advised Alberta Blue Cross that the shortage of Adalat XL 30 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02155907) has been resolved.

As a result, pms-Nifedipine ER 30 mg Extended-Release Tablet (DIN 02418630) will no longer be considered a temporary benefit for the *ADBL* after **February 25, 2020**.

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### 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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