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April 1, 2020 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, 2020 Full Updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*, *Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement (HSDBS)* and the *Palliative Coverage Drug Benefit Supplement (PCDBS)* have been posted online at www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php.

Effective April 1, 2020 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, 2020 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, 2020, 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, 2020, 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
00497193	Aminophylline 25 mg/ml Injection
02096900	Lax-A Nema Rectal Enema
00030635	Solu-Cortef Act-O-Vial 1 g/Vial Injection

Additionally, effective April 1, 2020, 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, 2020, 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, 2020, 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.

DIN/PIN	Product Description
02303442	Accel-Pioglitazone 15 mg Tablet
02303450	Accel-Pioglitazone 30 mg Tablet
02303469	Accel-Pioglitazone 45 mg Tablet
02245232	Apo-Clindamycin 150 mg Capsule
02245233	Apo-Clindamycin 300 mg Capsule
00637661	Betagan 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution
80038155	Decaxil Vitamin D 400 IU/ml Oral Liquid

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DIN/PIN	Product Description
80041145	Decaxil Vitamin D3 400 IU Oral Drops
00469327	Demulen 30 (21 Day) Tablet
00471526	Demulen 30 (28 Day) Tablet
02205963	Dexiron 50 mg/ml Injection
01919431	Engerix-B 20 mcg/ml Injection
00816086	Folic Acid 5 mg/ml Injection
02146126	Hydromorphone HP 50 mg/ml Injection
02239944	Ketorolac Tromethamine 30 mg/ml Injection
02300036	Mylan-Enalapril 2.5 mg Tablet
02300044	Mylan-Enalapril 5 mg Tablet
02300052	Mylan-Enalapril 10 mg Tablet
02300060	Mylan-Enalapril 20 mg Tablet
00757713	pms-Cyproheptadine HCl 4 mg Tablet
00664553	pms-Docusate Calcium 240 mg Capsule
00848417	pms-Docusate Sodium 50 mg/ml Oral Syrup
02282348	pms-Fluconazole 150 mg Capsule
02330105	Ran-Fentanyl Matrix 12 mcg/hr Transdermal Patch
02330113	Ran-Fentanyl Matrix 25 mcg/hr Transdermal Patch
02330148	Ran-Fentanyl Matrix 75 mcg/hr Transdermal Patch
02330156	Ran-Fentanyl Matrix 100 mcg/hr Transdermal Patch
02247691	Sandoz Anuzinc HC Ointment
02245920	Sandoz Diltiazem T 240 mg Extended-Release Capsule
02245921	Sandoz Diltiazem T 300 mg Extended-Release Capsule
02354187	Sandoz Metoprolol (Type L) 50 mg Tablet
02354195	Sandoz Metoprolol (Type L) 100 mg Tablet
02028786	Sinemet CR 100/25 Sustained-Release Tablet
00870935	Sinemet CR 200/50 Sustained-Release Tablet

For a summary of all updates, please refer to the April 1, 2020 Summary of Changes for highlights of products and pricing changes.

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

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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