

Temporary benefit added to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

In response to the increase in demand for the below products, and to ensure patient access, Teva-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02326450) manufactured by Teva Canada Limited, will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

DIN	Product Description	Manufacturer
02232570	Airomir CFC-Free 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol	Bausch Health
02245669	Apo-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol	Apotex Inc.
02419858	Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol	Sanis Health Inc.
02241497	Ventolin HFA 100 mcg/Dose Metered Dose Aerosol	GlaxoSmithKline

As of **March 25, 2020**, all claims for Teva-Salbutamol HFA 100 mcg/dose Metered Dose Aerosol (DIN 02326450) 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.php

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.

Temporary changes to coverage for Nicotine Products under the Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement

In response to the impacts of COVID-19, the current lifetime maximum limit for all over the counter smoking cessation products listed in the Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement has been temporarily increased to \$1000 per participant, per lifetime.

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Changes to the Government of Alberta's Palliative Coverage Program

Effective March 1, 2020, the Palliative Coverage Program no longer requires patients to pay copayments. More information about this program is available at www.alberta.ca/palliative-care-health-benefits.aspx.

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 Benefits 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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