

# 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 Anafranil 50 mg Tablet (DIN 00402591), manufactured by AA Pharma Inc., Taro-Clomipramine 50 mg Capsule (DIN 02497514), manufactured by Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc., will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. These products will be added to the Critical Supply Product List effective **July 28, 2020**.

As of **July 28, 2020**, all claims for Taro-Clomipramine 50 mg Capsule (DIN 02497514) 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 <https://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* to remain as a benefit.

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

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Actavis Pharma Company and Pharmascience Inc. that the shortages for Act Buprenorphine/Naloxone 2 mg/0.5 mg Sublingual Tablet (DIN 02453908) and pms- Buprenorphine/Naloxone 2 mg/0.5 mg Sublingual Tablet (DIN 02424851) 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 **September 8, 2020**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **August 7, 2020**.

### BUPRENORPHINE HCL/ NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE DIHYDRATE

#### 2 MG / 0.5 MG SUBLINGUAL TABLET

00002453908	ACT BUPRENORPHINE/ NALOXONE	APH	\$ 1.3350
00002424851	PMS- BUPRENORPHINE/ NALOXONE	PMS	\$ 1.3350
00002295695	SUBOXONE	IUK	\$ 2.7261

### 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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