

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 Sivem Pharmaceuticals ULC, Sandoz Canada Inc., and Teva Canada Limited that the shortages for Losartan 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02388804), Sandoz-Losartan 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02313340), and Teva-Losartan 50 mg Tablet (DIN 02357968) 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 **October 9, 2020**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **September 9, 2020**.

LOSARTAN POTASSIUM

50 MG TABLET

00002353504	APO-LOSARTAN	APX	\$ 0.1616
00002403331	AURO-LOSARTAN	AUR	\$ 0.1616
00002445972	BIO-LOSARTAN	BMD	\$ 0.1616
00002398842	JAMP-LOSARTAN	JPC	\$ 0.1616
00002388804	LOSARTAN	SIV	\$ 0.1616
00002405741	MINT-LOSARTAN	MPI	\$ 0.1616
00002309769	PMS-LOSARTAN	PMS	\$ 0.1616
00002313340	SANDOZ LOSARTAN	SDZ	\$ 0.1616
00002424975	SETPA-LOSARTAN	SEP	\$ 0.1616
00002357968	TEVA-LOSARTAN	TEV	\$ 0.1616
00002182874	COZAAR	MFC	\$ 1.4140

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortage for Sandoz Valsartan 80 mg Tablet (DIN 02356759) has 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 **October 9, 2020**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **September 9, 2020**.

VALSARTAN

80 MG TABLET

00002414228	AURO-VALSARTAN	AUR	\$ 0.2159
00002363100	RAN-VALSARTAN	RAN	\$ 0.2159
00002356759	SANDOZ VALSARTAN	SDZ	\$ 0.2159
00002356651	TEVA-VALSARTAN	TEV	\$ 0.2159
00002244781	DIOVAN	NOV	\$ 1.3032

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Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by AA Pharma Inc that the shortage for Desmopressin 0.1 mg Tablet (DIN 02284030) has 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 **October 15, 2020**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **September 16, 2020**.

DESMOPRESSIN ACETATE

0.1 MG TABLET

00002284030	DESMOPRESSIN	AAP	\$ 0.6609
00000824305	DDAVP	FEI	\$ 1.3336

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Actavis Pharma Company and Teva Canada Limited that the shortages for Act Nabilone 0.5 mg Capsule (DIN 02393581) and Teva-Nabilone 0.5 mg Capsule (DIN 02384884) 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 **October 19, 2020**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **September 17, 2020**.

NABILONE

0.5 MG CAPSULE

00002393581	ACT NABILONE	APH	\$ 0.7756
00002380900	PMS-NABILONE	PMS	\$ 0.7756
00002384884	TEVA-NABILONE	TEV	\$ 0.7756
00002256193	CESAMET	VCL	\$ 3.4871

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