

Pharmacy Benefact

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

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

Please refer to the December 1, 2020, updates for complete listings of products available by special authorization, products with changes to criteria for coverage, added products, new established interchangeable groupings, least cost alternative (LCA) price changes, products with a price change and discontinued/delisted products.

Please note that the online Interactive Drug Benefit List (iDBL) at 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 Apotex Inc. and Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortages for Apo-Metoprolol SR 100 mg Sustained-Release Tablet (DIN 02285169) and Sandoz Metoprolol SR 100 mg Sustained-Release Tablet (DIN 02303396) 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 **December 21, 2020**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **November 18, 2020**.

METOPROLOL TARTRATE

100 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET

00002285169	APO-METOPROLOL SR	APX	\$ 0.1871
00002303396	SANDOZ METOPROLOL SR	SDZ	\$ 0.1871
00000658855	LOPRESOR SR	NOV	\$ 0.3394

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

Due to the unavailability of Apo-Ibuprofen 400 mg Tablet (DIN 00506052) manufactured by Apotex Inc., Advil Extra Strength 400 mg Caplet (DIN 02244577) manufactured by Pfizer Consumer Healthcare will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*. The following grouping was added to the Critical Supply Product List **November 16, 2020**.

As of **November 16, 2020**, all claims for Advil Extra Strength 400 mg Caplet (DIN 02244577) 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* in order to remain as a benefit.

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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