

Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL) interim update now available online

Please be advised that the **February 1, 2021**, Updates to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* has been posted online at www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.php.

Please refer to the February 1, 2021, updates for complete listings of products with changes to benefit status, products with changes to criteria for coverage, added products, least cost alternative (LCA) price changes, products with a price change and discontinued 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 shortages addressed for Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sanis Health Inc., Sivem Pharmaceuticals ULC, Pharmascience Inc., Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc, and Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortages for Irbesartan 75 mg Tablet (DIN 02372347), Irbesartan 75 mg Tablet (DIN 02385287), pms-Irbesartan 75 mg Tablet (DIN 02317060), Ran-Irbesartan 75 mg Tablet (DIN 02406810), and Sandoz Irbesartan 75 mg Tablet (DIN 02328461) 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 **February 15, 2021**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **January 14, 2021**.

IRBESARTAN

75 MG TABLET

00002406098	AURO-IRBESARTAN	AUR	\$ 0.2281
00002372347	IRBESARTAN	SNS	\$ 0.2281
00002385287	IRBESARTAN	SIV	\$ 0.2281
00002418193	JAMP-IRBESARTAN	JPC	\$ 0.2281
00002422980	MINT-IRBESARTAN	MPI	\$ 0.2281
00002317060	PMS-IRBESARTAN	PMS	\$ 0.2281
00002406810	RAN-IRBESARTAN	RAN	\$ 0.2281
00002328461	SANDOZ IRBESARTAN	SDZ	\$ 0.2281
00002316390	TEVA-IRBESARTAN	TEV	\$ 0.2281
00002237923	AVAPRO	SAV	\$ 1.2671

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Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sivem Pharmaceuticals ULC, Pharmascience Inc., and Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortages for Irbesartan HCT 300 mg/12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02385325), pms-Irbesartan-HCTZ 300 mg/12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02328526), and Sandoz Irbesartan HCT 300 mg/ 12.5 mg Tablet (DIN 02337436) 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 **February 22, 2021**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **January 22, 2021**.

IRBESARTAN/HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE

300 MG TABLET / 12.5 MG TABLET

00002447886	AURO-IRBESARTAN HCT	AUR	\$ 0.2281
00002385325	IRBESARTAN HCT	SIV	\$ 0.2281
00002372894	IRBESARTAN/HCTZ	SNS	\$ 0.2281
00002418231	JAMP-IRBESARTAN-HCTZ	JPC	\$ 0.2281
00002328526	PMS-IRBESARTAN-HCTZ	PMS	\$ 0.2281
00002337436	SANDOZ IRBESARTAN HCT	SDZ	\$ 0.2281
00002330520	TEVA-IRBESARTAN HCTZ	TEV	\$ 0.2281
00002241819	AVALIDE	SAV	\$ 1.2671

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Sandoz Canada Inc. that the shortage for Sandoz Brimonidine 0.2% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02305429) has been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of this shortage, a transition period will be applied, and as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping effective **February 24, 2021**. The following grouping was removed from the Critical Supply Product List **January 25, 2021**.

BRIMONIDINE TARTRATE

0.2% OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION

00002305429	SANDOZ BRIMONIDINE	SDZ	\$ 1.1550
00002236876	ALPHAGAN	ALL	\$ 3.6899

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