

# **Updates to the Alberta Drug Benefit List**

**Effective August 1, 2021**



Inquiries should be directed to:

**Pharmacy Services**

Alberta Blue Cross  
10009 108 Street NW  
Edmonton AB T5J 3C5

Telephone Number: (780) 498-8370 (Edmonton)  
(403) 294-4041 (Calgary)  
1-800-361-9632 (Toll Free)

FAX Number: (780) 498-8406  
1-877-305-9911 (Toll Free)

**Website:** <https://www.alberta.ca/drug-benefit-list-and-drug-review-process.aspx>

Administered by Alberta Blue Cross  
on behalf of Alberta Health.

The Drug Benefit List (DBL) is a list of drugs for which coverage may be provided to program participants. The DBL is not intended to be, and must not be used as a diagnostic or prescribing tool. Inclusion of a drug on the DBL does not mean or imply that the drug is fit or effective for any specific purpose. Prescribing professionals must always use their professional judgment and should refer to product monographs and any applicable practice guidelines when prescribing drugs. The product monograph contains information that may be required for the safe and effective use of the product.

## Table of Contents

---

Special Authorization .....	1
■ New Drug Product(s) Available by Special Authorization.....	1
■ Additional Brand(s) and/or Strength(s) of Drug Product(s) Available by Special Authorization....	1
■ Drug Product(s) with Changes to Criteria for Coverage.....	1
Restricted Benefit(s) .....	2
■ New Drug Product(s) Available by Restricted Benefit.....	2
■ Drug Product(s) with Changes to Criteria for Coverage.....	2
Drug Product(s) with Changes to Benefit Status.....	3
Added Product(s) .....	3
New Established Interchangeable (IC) Grouping(s).....	5
Product(s) with a Price Change .....	5
Discontinued Listing(s).....	5
Product(s) Removed from the Alberta Drug Benefit List.....	6
Part 2 Drug Additions.....	2-1
Part 3 Special Authorization.....	3-1

## Special Authorization

---

The following drug product(s) will be considered for coverage by Special Authorization for patients covered under Alberta government-sponsored drug programs.

### New Drug Product(s) Available by Special Authorization

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
KANUMA 20 MG / VIAL INJECTION	SEBELIPASE ALFA	00002469596	APG
ORKAMBI 125 MG / 100 MG TABLET	IVACAFTOR/ LUMACAFTOR	00002463040	VER
ORKAMBI 125 MG / 200 MG TABLET	IVACAFTOR/ LUMACAFTOR	00002451379	VER
ORKAMBI 125 MG / 100 MG GRANULE	IVACAFTOR/ LUMACAFTOR	00002483831	VER
ORKAMBI 188 MG / 150 MG GRANULE	IVACAFTOR/ LUMACAFTOR	00002483858	VER

### Additional Brand(s) and/or Strength(s) of Drug Product(s) Available by Special Authorization

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ACH-LACOSAMIDE 50 MG TABLET	LACOSAMIDE	00002489287	AHI
ACH-LACOSAMIDE 100 MG TABLET	LACOSAMIDE	00002489295	AHI
ACH-LACOSAMIDE 150 MG TABLET	LACOSAMIDE	00002489309	AHI
ACH-LACOSAMIDE 200 MG TABLET	LACOSAMIDE	00002489317	AHI
DONEPEZIL 5 MG TABLET	DONEPEZIL HCL	00002475278	RIV
DONEPEZIL 10 MG TABLET	DONEPEZIL HCL	00002475286	RIV
JAMP PIRFENIDONE 267 MG CAPSULE	PIRFENIDONE	00002509938	JPC
SANDOZ PIRFENIDONE 267 MG TABLET	PIRFENIDONE	00002488507	SDZ
SANDOZ PIRFENIDONE 801 MG TABLET	PIRFENIDONE	00002488515	SDZ

### Drug Product(s) with Changes to Criteria for Coverage

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
COSENTYX 150 MG / ML INJECTION SYRINGE	SECUKINUMAB	00002438070	NOV
KALYDECO 150 MG TABLET	IVACAFTOR	00002397412	VER
XELJANZ 5 MG TABLET	TOFACITINIB CITRATE	00002423898	PFI
XELJANZ XR 11 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET	TOFACITINIB CITRATE	00002470608	PFI

## Restricted Benefit(s)

---

### New Drug Product(s) Available by Restricted Benefit

Effective August 1, 2021, plan members may be eligible for coverage up to \$2,400 each benefit year for eligible diabetes supplies purchased from a licensed pharmacy based on their method of diabetes management. Eligible diabetes supplies include needles, syringes, lancets, blood glucose, blood ketone and urine testing strips.

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ACCU-CHEK AVIVA BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444986	RDC
ACCU-CHEK COMPACT BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444985	RDC
ACCU-CHEK GUIDE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444984	RDC
ACCU-CHEK MOBILE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444983	RDC
BLOOD KETONE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000990072	XXX
CARESENS N MULTI BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444992	SEN
CONTOUR BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444989	ADC
CONTOUR NEXT BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444990	ADC
FIRST CANADIAN HEALTH SPIRIT BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444996	ARP
FREESTYLE LITE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444987	ABD
FREESTYLE PRECISION BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444988	ABD
GE200 BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444982	BNE
MEDISURE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444995	MDS
ONE TOUCH ULTRA BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444994	LIF
ONE TOUCH VERIO BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444993	LIF
RAPID RESPONSE GLUCO-MD BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000444998	BTN

### Drug Product(s) with Changes to Criteria for Coverage

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
BLOOD LETTING LANCET	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000999941	XXX
INSULIN PEN NEEDLES	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000999985	XXX

**Drug Product(s) with Changes to Criteria for Coverage, continued**

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
INSULIN SYRINGES	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000999952	XXX
URINE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000999957	XXX

**Drug Product(s) with Changes to Benefit Status**

*The following drug product(s) previously covered as regular benefits will now be covered as restricted benefits effective August 1, 2021.*

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
HUMALOG 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO	00002229704	LIL
HUMALOG CARTRIDGE 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO	00002229705	LIL
HUMALOG KWIKPEN 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO	00002403412	LIL

**Added Product(s)**

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
AA-TELMISARTAN-AMLODIPINE 80 MG / 5 MG TABLET	TELMISARTAN/ AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	00002473488	AAP
AA-TELMISARTAN-AMLODIPINE 80 MG / 10 MG TABLET	TELMISARTAN/ AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	00002473496	AAP
ACH-PREGABALIN 25 MG CAPSULE	PREGABALIN	00002449838	AHI
ACH-PREGABALIN 50 MG CAPSULE	PREGABALIN	00002449846	AHI
ACH-PREGABALIN 75 MG CAPSULE	PREGABALIN	00002449854	AHI
ACH-PREGABALIN 300 MG CAPSULE	PREGABALIN	00002449900	AHI
ADMELOG 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO	00002469901	SAV
ADMELOG CARTRIDGE 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO	00002469898	SAV
ADMELOG PEN 100 UNIT / ML INJECTION	INSULIN LISPRO	00002469871	SAV
ATORVASTATIN 10 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002475022	RIV
ATORVASTATIN 20 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002475030	RIV
ATORVASTATIN 40 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002475049	RIV
ATORVASTATIN 80 MG TABLET	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	00002475057	RIV
INCLUNOX (0.3 ML SYRINGE) 30 MG / ML INJECTION SYRINGE	ENOXAPARIN SODIUM	00002507501	SDZ
JAMP-VALACYCLOVIR 500 MG TABLET	VALACYCLOVIR	00002440598	JPC
M-AZITHROMYCIN 250 MG TABLET	AZITHROMYCIN	00002502038	MTR

## Added Product(s), continued

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
M-ESCITALOPRAM 10 MG TABLET	ESCITALOPRAM	00002471418	MTR
M-PREGABALIN 25 MG CAPSULE	PREGABALIN	00002467291	MTR
M-PREGABALIN 50 MG CAPSULE	PREGABALIN	00002467305	MTR
M-PREGABALIN 75 MG CAPSULE	PREGABALIN	00002467313	MTR
M-PREGABALIN 150 MG CAPSULE	PREGABALIN	00002467321	MTR
NOROMBY 30 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	ENOXAPARIN SODIUM	00002506459	JUN
NOROMBY 40 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	ENOXAPARIN SODIUM	00002506467	JUN
NOROMBY 60 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	ENOXAPARIN SODIUM	00002506475	JUN
NOROMBY 80 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	ENOXAPARIN SODIUM	00002506483	JUN
NOROMBY 100 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	ENOXAPARIN SODIUM	00002506491	JUN
NOROMBY 120 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	ENOXAPARIN SODIUM	00002506505	JUN
NOROMBY 150 MG / SYRINGE INJECTION	ENOXAPARIN SODIUM	00002506513	JUN
OLMESARTAN / HCTZ 20 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	OLMESARTAN MEDOXOMIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002509601	SNS
OLMESARTAN / HCTZ 40 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	OLMESARTAN MEDOXOMIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002509636	SNS
OLMESARTAN / HCTZ 40 MG / 25 MG TABLET	OLMESARTAN MEDOXOMIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002509628	SNS
RIVA-ALENDRONATE 70 MG TABLET	ALENDRONATE SODIUM	00002270889	RIV
RIVA-AMIODARONE 200 MG TABLET	AMIODARONE HCL	00002247217	RIV
RIVA-AZITHROMYCIN 250 MG TABLET	AZITHROMYCIN	00002275309	RIV
RIVA-CITALOPRAM 20 MG TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002303264	RIV
RIVA-CITALOPRAM 40 MG TABLET	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	00002303272	RIV
RIVA-FINASTERIDE 5 MG TABLET	FINASTERIDE	00002455013	RIV
RIVA-RISEDRONATE 35 MG TABLET	RISEDRONATE SODIUM	00002341077	RIV

## New Established Interchangeable (IC) Grouping(s)

The following IC Grouping(s) have been established and LCA pricing will be applied effective September 1, 2021.

<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>Strength / Form</u>	<u>New LCA Price</u>
PIRFENIDONE	267 MG CAPSULE	6.7120
PIRFENIDONE	267 MG TABLET	6.7120
PIRFENIDONE	801 MG TABLET	20.7401
TELMISARTAN/ AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	80 MG / 5 MG TABLET	0.5472
TELMISARTAN/ AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	80 MG / 10 MG TABLET	0.5472

## **Product(s) with a Price Change**

---

The following product(s) had a Price Change. The previous higher price will be recognized until August 31, 2021. For products within an established IC Grouping, the LCA price may apply.

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
RAN-CEFPROZIL 250 MG TABLET	CEFPROZIL	00002293528	RAN
SALAGEN 5 MG TABLET	PILOCARPINE HCL	00002216345	AMD
ZIEXTENZO (0.6 ML SYRINGE) 6 MG INJECTION SYRINGE	PEGFILGRASTIM	00002497395	SDZ

## **Discontinued Listing(s)**

---

Notification of discontinuation has been received from the manufacturer(s). The Alberta government-sponsored drug programs previously covered the following drug product(s). Effective August 1, 2021, the listed product(s) will no longer be a benefit and where applicable, will not be considered for coverage by Special Authorization. A transition period will be applied and as of September 1, 2021 claims will no longer pay for these product(s).

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
ASACOL 800 800 MG ENTERIC-COATED TABLET	MESALAZINE	00002267217	ALL
BIAXIN XL 500 MG EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET	CLARITHROMYCIN	00002244756	BGP
HP-PAC (KIT) 30 MG / 500 MG / 500 MG TABLET / CAPSULE	LANSOPRAZOLE/ AMOXICILLIN TRIHYDRATE/ CLARITHROMYCIN	00002238525	BGP
NORPROLAC 0.15 MG TABLET	QUINAGOLIDE	00002223775	FEI
SANDOZ DILTIAZEM CD 240 MG CONTROLLED-DELIVERY CAPSULE	DILTIAZEM HCL	00002243340	SDZ
TEVA-LOSARTAN/HCTZ 50 MG / 12.5 MG TABLET	LOSARTAN POTASSIUM/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	00002358263	TEV

## **Product(s) Removed from the Alberta Drug Benefit List**

---

The Alberta government-sponsored drug programs previously covered the following drug product(s). Effective August 1, 2021, the listed product(s) will no longer be a benefit. A transition period will be applied and as of September 1, 2021 claims will no longer pay for this product.

<u>Trade Name / Strength / Form</u>	<u>Generic Description</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	DIABETES SUPPLIES	00000999955	XXX



## **PART 2**

# Drug Additions

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

**ALENDRONATE SODIUM**

70 MG ORAL TABLET

00002485184	AG-ALENDRONATE	AGP	\$	2.1014
00002299712	ALENDRONATE	SIV	\$	2.1014
00002352966	ALENDRONATE	SNS	\$	2.1014
00002381494	ALENDRONATE SODIUM	AHI	\$	2.1014
00002248730	APO-ALENDRONATE	APX	\$	2.1014
00002388553	AURO-ALENDRONATE	AUR	\$	2.1014
00002385031	JAMP-ALENDRONATE	JPC	\$	2.1014
00002394871	MINT-ALENDRONATE	MPI	\$	2.1014
00002284006	PMS-ALENDRONATE-FC	PMS	\$	2.1014
00002270889	RIVA-ALENDRONATE	RIV	\$	2.1014
00002288109	SANDOZ ALENDRONATE	SDZ	\$	2.1014
00002261715	TEVA-ALENDRONATE	TEV	\$	2.1014
00002245329	FOSAMAX	MFC	\$	11.0114

**AMIODARONE HCL**

200 MG ORAL TABLET

00002364336	AMIODARONE	SNS	\$	0.3706
00002385465	AMIODARONE	SIV	\$	0.3706
00002246194	APO-AMIODARONE	APX	\$	0.3706
00002242472	PMS-AMIODARONE	PMS	\$	0.3706
00002247217	RIVA-AMIODARONE	RIV	\$	0.3706
00002243836	SANDOZ AMIODARONE	SDZ	\$	0.3706
00002239835	TEVA-AMIODARONE	TEV	\$	0.3706

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

**ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM**

**10 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET**

00002457741	ACH-ATORVASTATIN	AHI	\$	0.1743
00002478145	AG-ATORVASTATIN	AGP	\$	0.1743
00002295261	APO-ATORVASTATIN	APX	\$	0.1743
00002475022	ATORVASTATIN	RIV	\$	0.1743
00002411350	ATORVASTATIN-10	SIV	\$	0.1743
00002407256	AURO-ATORVASTATIN	AUR	\$	0.1743
00002391058	JAMP-ATORVASTATIN	JPC	\$	0.1743
00002454017	MAR-ATORVASTATIN	MAR	\$	0.1743
00002479508	MINT-ATORVASTATIN	MPI	\$	0.1743
00002392933	MYLAN-ATORVASTATIN	MYP	\$	0.1743
00002476517	NRA-ATORVASTATIN	NRA	\$	0.1743
00002399377	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.1743
00002477149	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.1743
00002313707	RAN-ATORVASTATIN	RAN	\$	0.1743
00002417936	REDDY-ATORVASTATIN	DRL	\$	0.1743
00002324946	SANDOZ ATORVASTATIN	SDZ	\$	0.1743
00002310899	TEVA-ATORVASTATIN	TEV	\$	0.1743
00002230711	LIPITOR	UJC	\$	1.8588

**20 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET**

00002457768	ACH-ATORVASTATIN	AHI	\$	0.2179
00002478153	AG-ATORVASTATIN	AGP	\$	0.2179
00002295288	APO-ATORVASTATIN	APX	\$	0.2179
00002475030	ATORVASTATIN	RIV	\$	0.2179
00002411369	ATORVASTATIN-20	SIV	\$	0.2179
00002407264	AURO-ATORVASTATIN	AUR	\$	0.2179
00002391066	JAMP-ATORVASTATIN	JPC	\$	0.2179
00002454025	MAR-ATORVASTATIN	MAR	\$	0.2179
00002479516	MINT-ATORVASTATIN	MPI	\$	0.2179
00002392941	MYLAN-ATORVASTATIN	MYP	\$	0.2179
00002476525	NRA-ATORVASTATIN	NRA	\$	0.2179
00002399385	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.2179
00002477157	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.2179
00002313715	RAN-ATORVASTATIN	RAN	\$	0.2179
00002417944	REDDY-ATORVASTATIN	DRL	\$	0.2179
00002324954	SANDOZ ATORVASTATIN	SDZ	\$	0.2179
00002310902	TEVA-ATORVASTATIN	TEV	\$	0.2179
00002230713	LIPITOR	UJC	\$	2.3234

**40 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET**

00002457776	ACH-ATORVASTATIN	AHI	\$	0.2342
00002478161	AG-ATORVASTATIN	AGP	\$	0.2342
00002295296	APO-ATORVASTATIN	APX	\$	0.2342
00002475049	ATORVASTATIN	RIV	\$	0.2342
00002411377	ATORVASTATIN-40	SIV	\$	0.2342
00002407272	AURO-ATORVASTATIN	AUR	\$	0.2342
00002391074	JAMP-ATORVASTATIN	JPC	\$	0.2342
00002454033	MAR-ATORVASTATIN	MAR	\$	0.2342
00002479524	MINT-ATORVASTATIN	MPI	\$	0.2342
00002392968	MYLAN-ATORVASTATIN	MYP	\$	0.2342
00002476533	NRA-ATORVASTATIN	NRA	\$	0.2342
00002399393	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.2342
00002477165	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.2342
00002313723	RAN-ATORVASTATIN	RAN	\$	0.2342
00002417952	REDDY-ATORVASTATIN	DRL	\$	0.2342
00002324962	SANDOZ ATORVASTATIN	SDZ	\$	0.2342
00002310910	TEVA-ATORVASTATIN	TEV	\$	0.2342
00002230714	LIPITOR	UJC	\$	2.4973

The DBL is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

PRODUCT IS NOT INTERCHANGEABLE

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

**ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM**

80 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET

00002457784	ACH-ATORVASTATIN	AHI	\$	0.2342
00002478188	AG-ATORVASTATIN	AGP	\$	0.2342
00002295318	APO-ATORVASTATIN	APX	\$	0.2342
00002475057	ATORVASTATIN	RIV	\$	0.2342
00002411385	ATORVASTATIN-80	SIV	\$	0.2342
00002407280	AURO-ATORVASTATIN	AUR	\$	0.2342
00002391082	JAMP-ATORVASTATIN	JPC	\$	0.2342
00002454041	MAR-ATORVASTATIN	MAR	\$	0.2342
00002392976	MYLAN-ATORVASTATIN	MYP	\$	0.2342
00002476541	NRA-ATORVASTATIN	NRA	\$	0.2342
00002399407	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.2342
00002477173	PMS-ATORVASTATIN	PMS	\$	0.2342
00002313758	RAN-ATORVASTATIN	RAN	\$	0.2342
00002417960	REDDY-ATORVASTATIN	DRL	\$	0.2342
00002324970	SANDOZ ATORVASTATIN	SDZ	\$	0.2342
00002310929	TEVA-ATORVASTATIN	TEV	\$	0.2342
00002243097	LIPITOR	UJC	\$	2.4973

**AZITHROMYCIN**

250 MG ORAL TABLET

00002480700	AG-AZITHROMYCIN	AGP	\$	0.9410
00002415542	APO-AZITHROMYCIN Z	APX	\$	0.9410
00002330881	AZITHROMYCIN	SNS	\$	0.9410
00002442434	AZITHROMYCIN	SIV	\$	0.9410
00002452308	JAMP-AZITHROMYCIN	JPC	\$	0.9410
00002502038	M-AZITHROMYCIN	MTR	\$	0.9410
00002452324	MAR-AZITHROMYCIN	MAR	\$	0.9410
00002267845	NOVO-AZITHROMYCIN	TEV	\$	0.9410
00002479680	NRA-AZITHROMYCIN	NRA	\$	0.9410
00002261634	PMS-AZITHROMYCIN	PMS	\$	0.9410
00002275309	RIVA-AZITHROMYCIN	RIV	\$	0.9410
00002265826	SANDOZ AZITHROMYCIN	SDZ	\$	0.9410
00002212021	ZITHROMAX	PFI	\$	5.2318

**BUPROPION HCL**

100 MG ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET

00002391562	BUPROPION SR	SNS	\$	0.1547
00002275074	ODAN BUPROPION SR	ODN	\$	0.1547

150 MG ORAL SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET

00002391570	BUPROPION SR	SNS	\$	0.2297
00002275082	ODAN BUPROPION SR	ODN	\$	0.2297

**CEFPROZIL**

250 MG ORAL TABLET


00002293528	RAN-CEFPROZIL	RAN	\$	1.0220
-------------	---------------	-----	----	--------

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

**CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE**

20 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET				
00002246056	APO-CITALOPRAM	APX	\$	0.1332
00002275562	AURO-CITALOPRAM	AUR	\$	0.1332
00002459914	CCP-CITALOPRAM	CEL	\$	0.1332
00002353660	CITALOPRAM	SNS	\$	0.1332
00002387956	CITALOPRAM	SIV	\$	0.1332
00002430541	CITALOPRAM	JPC	\$	0.1332
00002371898	MAR-CITALOPRAM	MAR	\$	0.1332
00002429705	MINT-CITALOPRAM	MPI	\$	0.1332
00002409011	NAT-CITALOPRAM	NTP	\$	0.1332
00002248010	PMS-CITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.1332
00002285622	RAN-CITALO	RAN	\$	0.1332
00002303264	RIVA-CITALOPRAM	RIV	\$	0.1332
00002248170	SANDOZ CITALOPRAM	SDZ	\$	0.1332
00002355272	SEPTA-CITALOPRAM	SEP	\$	0.1332
00002293218	TEVA-CITALOPRAM	TEV	\$	0.1332
00002239607	CELEXA	LBC	\$	1.4654
40 MG (BASE) ORAL TABLET				
00002246057	APO-CITALOPRAM	APX	\$	0.1332
00002275570	AURO-CITALOPRAM	AUR	\$	0.1332
00002459922	CCP-CITALOPRAM	CEL	\$	0.1332
00002353679	CITALOPRAM	SNS	\$	0.1332
00002387964	CITALOPRAM	SIV	\$	0.1332
00002430568	CITALOPRAM	JPC	\$	0.1332
00002371901	MAR-CITALOPRAM	MAR	\$	0.1332
00002429713	MINT-CITALOPRAM	MPI	\$	0.1332
00002409038	NAT-CITALOPRAM	NTP	\$	0.1332
00002248011	PMS-CITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.1332
00002303272	RIVA-CITALOPRAM	RIV	\$	0.1332
00002248171	SANDOZ CITALOPRAM	SDZ	\$	0.1332
00002355280	SEPTA-CITALOPRAM	SEP	\$	0.1332
00002293226	TEVA-CITALOPRAM	TEV	\$	0.1332
00002239608	CELEXA	LBC	\$	1.4654

The DBL is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

 PRODUCT IS NOT INTERCHANGEABLE

**DIABETES SUPPLIES**

**STRIP**

00000444989 CONTOUR ADC \$ 0.6989

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

## DIABETES SUPPLIES

00000990072 BLOOD KETONE TEST STRIPS XXX \$ 0.0000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000999941 BLOOD LETTING LANCET XXX \$ 0.0000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000999985 INSULIN PEN NEEDLES XXX \$ 0.0000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000999952 INSULIN SYRINGES XXX \$ 0.0000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000999957 URINE TEST STRIPS XXX \$ 0.0000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444992 CARESENS N MULTI SEN \$ 0.5000

The DBL is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

**DIABETES SUPPLIES**

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444992 CARESENS N MULTI SEN \$ 0.5000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444992 CARESENS N MULTI SEN \$ 0.5000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444996 FIRST CANADIAN HEALTH SPIRIT ARP \$ 0.5000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444996 FIRST CANADIAN HEALTH SPIRIT ARP \$ 0.5000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444996 FIRST CANADIAN HEALTH SPIRIT ARP \$ 0.5000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.



**DIABETES SUPPLIES**

pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444982 GE200 BNE \$ 0.5100

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444982 GE200 BNE \$ 0.5100

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444982 GE200 BNE \$ 0.5100

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444995 MEDISURE MDS \$ 0.6800

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444995 MEDISURE MDS \$ 0.6800

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

The DBL is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

**DIABETES SUPPLIES**

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444995 MEDISURE MDS \$ 0.6800

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444984 ACCU-CHEK GUIDE RDC \$ 0.6813

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444984 ACCU-CHEK GUIDE RDC \$ 0.6813

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444984 ACCU-CHEK GUIDE RDC \$ 0.6813

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444988 FREESTYLE PRECISION ABD \$ 0.6890

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year

**DIABETES SUPPLIES**

up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444988    FREESTYLE PRECISION    ABD    \$    0.6890

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444988    FREESTYLE PRECISION    ABD    \$    0.6890

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444987    FREESTYLE LITE    ABD    \$    0.6900

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444987    FREESTYLE LITE    ABD    \$    0.6900

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444987    FREESTYLE LITE    ABD    \$    0.6900

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

The DBL is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

## DIABETES SUPPLIES

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 - \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444994 ONE TOUCH ULTRA LIF \$ 0.6943

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 - \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444994 ONE TOUCH ULTRA LIF \$ 0.6943

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 - \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444994 ONE TOUCH ULTRA LIF \$ 0.6943

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 - \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444993 ONE TOUCH VERIO LIF \$ 0.6943

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 - \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444993 ONE TOUCH VERIO LIF \$ 0.6943

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR

**DIABETES SUPPLIES**

- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444993 ONE TOUCH VERIO LIF \$ 0.6943

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 - \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444989 CONTOUR ADC \$ 0.6989

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 - \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444989 CONTOUR ADC \$ 0.6989

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 - \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444990 CONTOUR NEXT ADC \$ 0.6989

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 - \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 - \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444990 CONTOUR NEXT ADC \$ 0.6989

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 - \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR

The DBL is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

**DIABETES SUPPLIES**

-\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444990 CONTOUR NEXT ADC \$ 0.6989

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

-\$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 -\$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444998 RAPID RESPONSE GLUCO-MD BTN \$ 0.7000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

-\$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 -\$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444998 RAPID RESPONSE GLUCO-MD BTN \$ 0.7000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

-\$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 -\$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444998 RAPID RESPONSE GLUCO-MD BTN \$ 0.7000

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

-\$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 -\$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444986 ACCU-CHEK AVIVA RDC \$ 0.7125

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

-\$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 -\$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR

## DIABETES SUPPLIES

-\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444986 ACCU-CHEK AVIVA RDC \$ 0.7125

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

-\$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 -\$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444986 ACCU-CHEK AVIVA RDC \$ 0.7125

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

-\$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 -\$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444985 ACCU-CHEK COMPACT RDC \$ 0.7125

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

-\$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 -\$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444985 ACCU-CHEK COMPACT RDC \$ 0.7125

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

-\$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 -\$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444985 ACCU-CHEK COMPACT RDC \$ 0.7125

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

-\$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR  
 -\$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR  
 -\$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

The DBL is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

**DIABETES SUPPLIES**

00000444983 ACCU-CHEK MOBILE RDC \$ 0.7125

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444983 ACCU-CHEK MOBILE RDC \$ 0.7125

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

00000444983 ACCU-CHEK MOBILE RDC \$ 0.7125

This product is a benefit for patients with diabetes when purchased from a licensed pharmacy.

Eligible individuals will have coverage for eligible diabetes supplies for each benefit year up to a maximum of:

- \$2,400 for patients with diabetes who are currently and regularly using insulin, OR
- \$320 for patients treated with diabetes medications with high risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated with diabetes medications with low risk of hypoglycemia, OR
- \$160 for patients treated by diet and/or exercise.

**ENOXAPARIN SODIUM****30 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

00002507501 INCLUNOX (0.3 ML SYRINGE) SDZ \$ 4.9620

00002506459 NOROMBY JUN \$ 5.2920

00002509075 REDESCA (0.3 ML SYRINGE) VLP \$ 5.3500

**40 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

00002507528 INCLUNOX (0.4 ML SYRINGE) SDZ \$ 6.6160

00002506467 NOROMBY JUN \$ 7.0560

00002509083 REDESCA (0.4 ML SYRINGE) VLP \$ 7.0800

**60 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

00002507536 INCLUNOX (0.6 ML SYRINGE) SDZ \$ 9.9240

00002506475 NOROMBY JUN \$ 10.5840

00002509091 REDESCA (0.6 ML SYRINGE) VLP \$ 10.6300

**80 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

00002507544 INCLUNOX (0.8 ML SYRINGE) SDZ \$ 13.2320

00002506483 NOROMBY JUN \$ 14.1120

00002509105 REDESCA (0.8 ML SYRINGE) VLP \$ 14.1600

**100 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

00002507552 INCLUNOX (1 ML SYRINGE) SDZ \$ 16.5400

00002506491 NOROMBY JUN \$ 17.6400

00002509113 REDESCA (1 ML SYRINGE) VLP \$ 17.7100



ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

**ENOXAPARIN SODIUM**

**120 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002507560	INCLUNOX HP (0.8 ML SYRINGE)	SDZ	\$	19.8480
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002506505	NOROMBY	JUN	\$	21.1680
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002509148	REDESCA HP (0.8 ML SYRINGE)	VLP	\$	21.2400

**150 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002507579	INCLUNOX HP (1 ML SYRINGE)	SDZ	\$	24.8100
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002506513	NOROMBY	JUN	\$	26.4600
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002509156	REDESCA HP (1 ML SYRINGE)	VLP	\$	26.5500

**ESCITALOPRAM**

**10 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002434652	ACH-ESCITALOPRAM	AHI	\$	0.3109
00002295016	APO-ESCITALOPRAM	APX	\$	0.3109
00002397358	AURO-ESCITALOPRAM	AUR	\$	0.3109
00002429039	ESCITALOPRAM	SIV	\$	0.3109
00002430118	ESCITALOPRAM	SNS	\$	0.3109
00002429780	JAMP-ESCITALOPRAM	JPC	\$	0.3109
00002471418	M-ESCITALOPRAM	MTR	\$	0.3109
00002423480	MAR-ESCITALOPRAM	MAR	\$	0.3109
00002407418	MINT-ESCITALOPRAM	MPI	\$	0.3109
00002309467	MYLAN-ESCITALOPRAM	MYP	\$	0.3109
00002440296	NAT-ESCITALOPRAM	NTP	\$	0.3109
00002476851	NRA-ESCITALOPRAM	NRA	\$	0.3109
00002469243	PMS-ESCITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.3109
00002303949	PMSC-ESCITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.3109
00002385481	RAN-ESCITALOPRAM	RAN	\$	0.3109
00002364077	SANDOZ ESCITALOPRAM	SDZ	\$	0.3109
00002318180	TEVA-ESCITALOPRAM	TEV	\$	0.3109
00002263238	CIPRALEX	LBC	\$	1.8795

**20 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002434660	ACH-ESCITALOPRAM	AHI	\$	0.3310
00002295024	APO-ESCITALOPRAM	APX	\$	0.3310
00002397374	AURO-ESCITALOPRAM	AUR	\$	0.3310
00002429047	ESCITALOPRAM	SIV	\$	0.3310
00002430126	ESCITALOPRAM	SNS	\$	0.3310
00002429799	JAMP-ESCITALOPRAM	JPC	\$	0.3310
00002471426	M-ESCITALOPRAM	MTR	\$	0.3310
00002423502	MAR-ESCITALOPRAM	MAR	\$	0.3310
00002407434	MINT-ESCITALOPRAM	MPI	\$	0.3310
00002309475	MYLAN-ESCITALOPRAM	MYP	\$	0.3310
00002440318	NAT-ESCITALOPRAM	NTP	\$	0.3310
00002476878	NRA-ESCITALOPRAM	NRA	\$	0.3310
00002469251	PMS-ESCITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.3310
00002303965	PMSC-ESCITALOPRAM	PMS	\$	0.3310
00002385503	RAN-ESCITALOPRAM	RAN	\$	0.3310
00002364085	SANDOZ ESCITALOPRAM	SDZ	\$	0.3310
00002318202	TEVA-ESCITALOPRAM	TEV	\$	0.3310
00002263254	CIPRALEX	LBC	\$	2.0067

The DBL is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

PRODUCT IS NOT INTERCHANGEABLE

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

**FINASTERIDE**

5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002365383	APO-FINASTERIDE	APX	\$	0.4138
00002405814	AURO-FINASTERIDE	AUR	\$	0.4138
00002355043	FINASTERIDE	AHI	\$	0.4138
00002445077	FINASTERIDE	SNS	\$	0.4138
00002447541	FINASTERIDE	SIV	\$	0.4138
00002357224	JAMP-FINASTERIDE	JPC	\$	0.4138
00002389878	MINT-FINASTERIDE	MPI	\$	0.4138
00002310112	PMS-FINASTERIDE	PMS	\$	0.4138
00002455013	RIVA-FINASTERIDE	RIV	\$	0.4138
00002322579	SANDOZ FINASTERIDE	SDZ	\$	0.4138
00002348500	TEVA-FINASTERIDE	TEV	\$	0.4138
00002010909	PROSCAR	MFC	\$	2.0816

**HYDROCORTISONE/ CINCHOCAINE HCL/ FRAMYCETIN SULFATE/ ESCULIN**

5 MG \* 5 MG \* 10 MG \* 10 MG RECTAL SUPPOSITORY

00002242528	ODAN PROCTOMYXIN HC	ODN	\$	0.6000
00002247882	PROCTOL	ODN	\$	0.6000

**INSULIN LISPRO**

100 UNIT / ML INJECTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002469901	ADMELOG	SAV	\$	2.2700
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002469898	ADMELOG CARTRIDGE	SAV	\$	3.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00002469871	ADMELOG PEN	SAV	\$	3.0000

**OLMESARTAN MEDOXOMIL/ HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE**

20 MG \* 12.5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002468948	ACH-OLMESARTAN HCTZ	AHI	\$	0.3019
00002443112	ACT OLMESARTAN HCT	APH	\$	0.3019
00002453606	APO-OLMESARTAN/HCTZ	APX	\$	0.3019
00002476487	AURO-OLMESARTAN HCTZ	AUR	\$	0.3019
00002475707	GLN-OLMESARTAN HCTZ	GLM	\$	0.3019
00002509601	OLMESARTAN/HCTZ	SNS	\$	0.3019
00002319616	OLMETEC PLUS	MFC	\$	1.1607

40 MG \* 12.5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002468956	ACH-OLMESARTAN HCTZ	AHI	\$	0.3019
00002443120	ACT OLMESARTAN HCT	APH	\$	0.3019
00002453614	APO-OLMESARTAN/HCTZ	APX	\$	0.3019
00002476495	AURO-OLMESARTAN HCTZ	AUR	\$	0.3019
00002475715	GLN-OLMESARTAN HCTZ	GLM	\$	0.3019
00002509636	OLMESARTAN/HCTZ	SNS	\$	0.3019
00002319624	OLMETEC PLUS	MFC	\$	1.1607

40 MG \* 25 MG ORAL TABLET

00002468964	ACH-OLMESARTAN HCTZ	AHI	\$	0.3019
00002443139	ACT OLMESARTAN HCT	APH	\$	0.3019
00002453622	APO-OLMESARTAN/HCTZ	APX	\$	0.3019
00002476509	AURO-OLMESARTAN HCTZ	AUR	\$	0.3019
00002475723	GLN-OLMESARTAN HCTZ	GLM	\$	0.3019
00002509628	OLMESARTAN/HCTZ	SNS	\$	0.3019
00002319632	OLMETEC PLUS	MFC	\$	1.1607

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

**PILOCARPINE HCL**

5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002509571	JAMP PILOCARPINE	JPC	\$	0.7321
00002496119	M-PILOCARPINE	MTR	\$	0.7321
00002216345	SALAGEN	AMD	\$	0.7321

**PREGABALIN**

25 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002449838	ACH-PREGABALIN	AHI	\$	0.1481
00002480727	AG-PREGABALIN	AGP	\$	0.1481
00002394235	APO-PREGABALIN	APX	\$	0.1481
00002433869	AURO-PREGABALIN	AUR	\$	0.1481
00002435977	JAMP-PREGABALIN	JPC	\$	0.1481
00002467291	M-PREGABALIN	MTR	\$	0.1481
00002423804	MINT-PREGABALIN	MPI	\$	0.1481
00002494841	NAT-PREGABALIN	NTP	\$	0.1481
00002479117	NRA-PREGABALIN	NRA	\$	0.1481
00002359596	PMS-PREGABALIN	PMS	\$	0.1481
00002403692	PREGABALIN	SIV	\$	0.1481
00002405539	PREGABALIN	SNS	\$	0.1481
00002392801	RAN-PREGABALIN	RAN	\$	0.1481
00002390817	SANDOZ PREGABALIN	SDZ	\$	0.1481
00002361159	TEVA-PREGABALIN	TEV	\$	0.1481

50 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002449846	ACH-PREGABALIN	AHI	\$	0.2324
00002480735	AG-PREGABALIN	AGP	\$	0.2324
00002394243	APO-PREGABALIN	APX	\$	0.2324
00002433877	AURO-PREGABALIN	AUR	\$	0.2324
00002435985	JAMP-PREGABALIN	JPC	\$	0.2324
00002467305	M-PREGABALIN	MTR	\$	0.2324
00002423812	MINT-PREGABALIN	MPI	\$	0.2324
00002494868	NAT-PREGABALIN	NTP	\$	0.2324
00002479125	NRA-PREGABALIN	NRA	\$	0.2324
00002359618	PMS-PREGABALIN	PMS	\$	0.2324
00002403706	PREGABALIN	SIV	\$	0.2324
00002405547	PREGABALIN	SNS	\$	0.2324
00002392828	RAN-PREGABALIN	RAN	\$	0.2324
00002390825	SANDOZ PREGABALIN	SDZ	\$	0.2324
00002361175	TEVA-PREGABALIN	TEV	\$	0.2324

75 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002449854	ACH-PREGABALIN	AHI	\$	0.3007
00002480743	AG-PREGABALIN	AGP	\$	0.3007
00002394251	APO-PREGABALIN	APX	\$	0.3007
00002433885	AURO-PREGABALIN	AUR	\$	0.3007
00002435993	JAMP-PREGABALIN	JPC	\$	0.3007
00002467313	M-PREGABALIN	MTR	\$	0.3007
00002424185	MINT-PREGABALIN	MPI	\$	0.3007
00002494876	NAT-PREGABALIN	NTP	\$	0.3007
00002479133	NRA-PREGABALIN	NRA	\$	0.3007
00002359626	PMS-PREGABALIN	PMS	\$	0.3007
00002403714	PREGABALIN	SIV	\$	0.3007
00002405555	PREGABALIN	SNS	\$	0.3007
00002392836	RAN-PREGABALIN	RAN	\$	0.3007
00002390833	SANDOZ PREGABALIN	SDZ	\$	0.3007
00002361183	TEVA-PREGABALIN	TEV	\$	0.3007

The DBL is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

**PREGABALIN**

150 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002480751	AG-PREGABALIN	AGP	\$	0.4145
00002394278	APO-PREGABALIN	APX	\$	0.4145
00002433907	AURO-PREGABALIN	AUR	\$	0.4145
00002436000	JAMP-PREGABALIN	JPC	\$	0.4145
00002467321	M-PREGABALIN	MTR	\$	0.4145
00002424207	MINT-PREGABALIN	MPI	\$	0.4145
00002494884	NAT-PREGABALIN	NTP	\$	0.4145
00002479168	NRA-PREGABALIN	NRA	\$	0.4145
00002359634	PMS-PREGABALIN	PMS	\$	0.4145
00002403722	PREGABALIN	SIV	\$	0.4145
00002405563	PREGABALIN	SNS	\$	0.4145
00002392844	RAN-PREGABALIN	RAN	\$	0.4145
00002390841	SANDOZ PREGABALIN	SDZ	\$	0.4145
00002361205	TEVA-PREGABALIN	TEV	\$	0.4145

300 MG ORAL CAPSULE

00002449900	ACH-PREGABALIN	AHI	\$	0.4145
00002480778	AG-PREGABALIN	AGP	\$	0.4145
00002394294	APO-PREGABALIN	APX	\$	0.4145
00002436019	JAMP-PREGABALIN	JPC	\$	0.4145
00002494906	NAT-PREGABALIN	NTP	\$	0.4145
00002359642	PMS-PREGABALIN	PMS	\$	0.4145
00002403730	PREGABALIN	SIV	\$	0.4145
00002405598	PREGABALIN	SNS	\$	0.4145
00002392860	RAN-PREGABALIN	RAN	\$	0.4145
00002390868	SANDOZ PREGABALIN	SDZ	\$	0.4145
00002361248	TEVA-PREGABALIN	TEV	\$	0.4145

**RISEDRONATE SODIUM**

35 MG ORAL TABLET

00002353687	APO-RISEDRONATE	APX	\$	1.9787
00002406306	AURO-RISEDRONATE	AUR	\$	1.9787
00002368552	JAMP-RISEDRONATE	JPC	\$	1.9787
00002302209	PMS-RISEDRONATE	PMS	\$	1.9787
00002370255	RISEDRONATE	SNS	\$	1.9787
00002411407	RISEDRONATE-35	SIV	\$	1.9787
00002341077	RIVA-RISEDRONATE	RIV	\$	1.9787
00002327295	SANDOZ RISEDRONATE	SDZ	\$	1.9787
00002298392	TEVA-RISEDRONATE	TEV	\$	1.9787
00002246896	ACTONEL	ALL	\$	11.6009

**TELMISARTAN/ AMLODIPINE BESYLATE**

80 MG \* 5 MG ORAL TABLET

00002473488	AA-TELMISARTAN-AMLODIPINE	AAP	\$	0.5472
00002371049	TWYNSTA	BOE	\$	0.7296

80 MG \* 10 MG ORAL TABLET

00002473496	AA-TELMISARTAN-AMLODIPINE	AAP	\$	0.5472
00002371057	TWYNSTA	BOE	\$	0.7296

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE

VALACYCLOVIR

500 MG ORAL TABLET

00002295822	APO-VALACYCLOVIR (CAPLET)	APX	\$	0.6198
00002405040	AURO-VALACYCLOVIR	AUR	\$	0.6198
00002440598	JAMP-VALACYCLOVIR	JPC	\$	0.6198
00002441454	JAMP-VALACYCLOVIR	JPC	\$	0.6198
00002351579	MYLAN-VALACYCLOVIR (CAPLET)	MYP	\$	0.6198
00002298457	PMS-VALACYCLOVIR (CAPLET)	PMS	\$	0.6198
00002347091	SANDOZ VALACYCLOVIR	SDZ	\$	0.6198
00002357534	TEVA-VALACYCLOVIR	TEV	\$	0.6198
00002442000	VALACYCLOVIR	SIV	\$	0.6198
00002454645	VALACYCLOVIR	SNS	\$	0.6198
00002219492	VALTREX (CAPLET)	GSK	\$	3.6158

---

## **PART 3**

# Special Authorization

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

**DONEPEZIL HCL**

"For the treatment of Alzheimer's disease in patients with an MMSE (Mini Mental State Exam) score between 10-26 and/or an InterRAI-Cognitive Performance Scale score between 1-4.

Coverage cannot be provided for two or more medications used in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease (donepezil, galantamine, rivastigmine) when these medications are intended for use in combination.

Special authorization coverage may be granted for a maximum of 24 months per request.

For each request, an updated MMSE score or InterRAI-Cognitive Performance Scale score and the date on which the exam was administered must be provided.

Renewal requests may be considered for patients where the updated MMSE score is 10 or higher or the InterRAI-Cognitive Performance Scale is 4 or lower while on this drug."

All requests (including renewal requests) for donepezil HCl must be completed using the Donepezil/Galantamine/Rivastigmine Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60034).

**5 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002362260	APO-DONEPEZIL	APX	\$	0.4586
00002400561	AURO-DONEPEZIL	AUR	\$	0.4586
00002412853	BIO-DONEPEZIL	BMD	\$	0.4586
00002420597	DONEPEZIL	SIV	\$	0.4586
00002426846	DONEPEZIL	SNS	\$	0.4586
00002475278	DONEPEZIL	RIV	\$	0.4586
00002402645	DONEPEZIL HYDROCHLORIDE	AHI	\$	0.4586
00002416948	JAMP-DONEPEZIL	JPC	\$	0.4586
00002402092	MAR-DONEPEZIL	MAR	\$	0.4586
00002408600	MINT-DONEPEZIL	MPI	\$	0.4586
00002439557	NAT-DONEPEZIL	NTP	\$	0.4586
00002322331	PMS-DONEPEZIL	PMS	\$	0.4586
00002381508	RAN-DONEPEZIL	RAN	\$	0.4586
00002328666	SANDOZ DONEPEZIL	SDZ	\$	0.4586
00002428482	SEPTA DONEPEZIL	SEP	\$	0.4586
00002340607	TEVA-DONEPEZIL	TEV	\$	0.4586
00002232043	ARICEPT	PFI	\$	5.0779

**10 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002362279	APO-DONEPEZIL	APX	\$	0.4586
00002400588	AURO-DONEPEZIL	AUR	\$	0.4586
00002412861	BIO-DONEPEZIL	BMD	\$	0.4586
00002420600	DONEPEZIL	SIV	\$	0.4586
00002426854	DONEPEZIL	SNS	\$	0.4586
00002475286	DONEPEZIL	RIV	\$	0.4586
00002402653	DONEPEZIL HYDROCHLORIDE	AHI	\$	0.4586
00002416956	JAMP-DONEPEZIL	JPC	\$	0.4586
00002402106	MAR-DONEPEZIL	MAR	\$	0.4586
00002408619	MINT-DONEPEZIL	MPI	\$	0.4586
00002439565	NAT-DONEPEZIL	NTP	\$	0.4586
00002322358	PMS-DONEPEZIL	PMS	\$	0.4586
00002381516	RAN-DONEPEZIL	RAN	\$	0.4586
00002328682	SANDOZ DONEPEZIL	SDZ	\$	0.4586
00002428490	SEPTA DONEPEZIL	SEP	\$	0.4586
00002340615	TEVA-DONEPEZIL	TEV	\$	0.4586
00002232044	ARICEPT	PFI	\$	5.0779

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

**IVACAFTOR**

"For the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF) in patients age six (6) years and older who have one of the following mutations in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) gene: G551D, G1244E, G1349D, G178R, G551S, S1251N, S1255P, S549N, or S549R; and

For the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF) in patients aged 18 and older with an R117H mutation in the CFTR gene.

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a prescriber affiliated with one of the following Alberta Cystic Fibrosis Clinics:

- Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, Adult: Kaye Edmonton Clinic
- Cystic Fibrosis Services - Adult Outpatient: Foothills Medical Centre
- Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, Pediatric: Stollery Children's Hospital
- Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Clinic: Alberta Children's Hospital

Initial coverage may be approved for up to 150 mg every 12 hours for 6 months. Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply per prescription at their pharmacy.

Coverage cannot be provided when intended for use in combination with other CFTR modulators.

**Renewal Criteria**

The sweat chloride test will be repeated at the next routine review appointment after starting ivacaftor to determine whether sweat chloride levels are reducing and to check compliance with the drug regimen. The sweat chloride level will then be re-checked 6 months after starting treatment to determine whether the full reduction (as detailed below) has been achieved. Thereafter sweat chloride levels will be checked annually.

For continued coverage of up to 150mg every 12 hours beyond the initial 6-month authorization, the patient will be considered to have responded to treatment if either:

- a) The patient's sweat chloride test falls below 60mmol/L; OR
- b) The patient's sweat chloride test falls by at least 30%

In cases where the baseline sweat chloride test is already below 60mmol/L, the patient will be considered to have responded to treatment if either:

- c) The patient's sweat chloride test falls by at least 30%; OR
- d) The patient demonstrates a sustained absolute improvement in FEV1 of at least 5%. In this instance FEV1 will be compared with the baseline pre-treatment level one month and three months after starting treatment.

Following this assessment, continued coverage of up to 150 mg every 12 hours may be approved for a period of 12 months. Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply per prescription at their pharmacy.

If the expected reduction in sweat chloride does not occur, the patient's CF clinician will first explore any challenges in following the recommended dosing schedule for ivacaftor. The patient's sweat chloride will then be retested around one week later and funding discontinued if the patient does not meet the above criteria."

All requests (including renewal requests) for ivacaftor must be completed using the Ivacaftor Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60004).

**150 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002397412 KALYDECO

VER

\$ 420.0000



**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

**IVACAFTOR/ LUMACAFTOR**

"For the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF) in patients age two (2) years and older who are homozygous for the F508del mutation in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) gene who have demonstrated adherence to their prescribed cystic fibrosis therapeutic regimen and who have ONE or more of the following:

Experienced one (1) or more pulmonary exacerbation(s) per year requiring IV antibiotics;

OR

Experienced three (3) or more pulmonary exacerbations per year requiring therapy with oral antibiotics;

OR

For patients 6 -11 years of age: the patient has a decline of absolute FEV1 % predicted of greater than or equal to 5 percentage points within a 12 month period, sustained over at least 4 months, in spite of optimized medical therapies;

OR

For patient 12 years of age and older: the patient has a baseline FEV1 of <70% predicted, who has an absolute decline in FEV1 of greater than or equal to 5%, within a 12 month period, sustained over at least 4 months, in spite of optimized medical therapies;

OR

For patient 12 years of age and older: the patient has a baseline FEV1 of greater than or equal to 70% predicted who have an absolute decline in FEV1 of greater than or equal to 10% predicted within a 12 month period, sustained over at least 4 months, in spite of optimized medical therapies.

For initial coverage, the following pre-treatment information must be provided:

1) Number of days treated with oral and IV antibiotics for pulmonary exacerbations in the previous 6 months; AND/OR number of pulmonary exacerbations requiring oral and IV antibiotics in the previous 6 months; AND

2) Number of CF related hospitalizations in the previous 6 months; AND

3) Baseline Body Mass Index (BMI); AND

For patients aged 6 years and older:

4) Baseline measurement of FEV1 % predicted (within the last 30 days), AND

5) Change in FEV1 demonstrating decline in FEV1 % predicted prior to starting therapy (as defined above);

This drug must be prescribed by a prescriber affiliated with one of the following Alberta Cystic Fibrosis Clinics:

- Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, Adult: Kaye Edmonton Clinic

- Cystic Fibrosis Services - Adult Outpatient: Foothills Medical Centre

- Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, Pediatric: Stollery Children's Hospital

- Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Clinic: Alberta Children's Hospital

For coverage, dosing will be approved as follows:

Patients 2-5 years of age: up to one packet of granules (containing lumacaftor 150 mg and ivacaftor 188 mg) every 12 hours.

Patients 6-11 years of age: 2 tablets (each containing lumacaftor 100 mg and ivacaftor 125 mg) every 12 hours.

Patients 12 years of age and older: 2 tablets (each containing lumacaftor 200 mg and ivacaftor 125 mg) every 12 hours.

Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply per prescription at their pharmacy.

Initial coverage may be approved for 6 months.

Subsequent renewal of coverage may be approved for 12 months.

For continued coverage, the patient must meet the following criteria:

1) Patient continues to adhere to their prescribed cystic fibrosis therapeutic regimen; AND

2) Patient has demonstrated at least ONE of the following:

-Reduction in the total number of days for which the patient received treatment with oral and/or IV antibiotics for pulmonary exacerbations compared with the 6 month period prior to initiating treatment; OR

-Reduction in the total number of pulmonary exacerbations requiring oral and IV antibiotics

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

**IVACAFTOR/ LUMACAFTOR**

compared with the 6 month period prior to initiating treatment; OR  
-Reduction in the number of CF related hospitalizations compared with the 6 month period prior to initiating treatment; OR  
-Maintenance or increase in BMI compared with the baseline BMI assessment; OR  
-For patients aged 6 years and older: No decline in FEV1 % predicted compared with the baseline FEV1 assessment.

Coverage cannot be provided for lumacaftor/ivacaftor for the following:

- 1) When intended for use in combination with other CFTR modulators; OR
- 2) Patient is currently receiving invasive mechanical ventilation via endotracheal tube or tracheostomy tube; OR
- 3) Patient is the previous recipient of a double lung transplant."

All requests (including renewal requests) for lumacaftor/ivacaftor must be completed using the Lumacaftor/Ivacaftor Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60090).

<b>125 MG * 100 MG ORAL TABLET</b>			
00002463040	ORKAMBI	VER	\$ 170.5357
<b>125 MG * 200 MG ORAL TABLET</b>			
00002451379	ORKAMBI	VER	\$ 170.5357
<b>125 MG * 100 MG ORAL GRANULE</b>			
00002483831	ORKAMBI	VER	\$ 341.0714
<b>188 MG * 150 MG ORAL GRANULE</b>			
00002483858	ORKAMBI	VER	\$ 341.0714

---

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

**LACOSAMIDE**

"For adjunctive therapy in patients with refractory partial-onset seizures who meet all of the following criteria:

- Are currently receiving two or more antiepileptic medications, AND
- Have failed or demonstrated intolerance to three other antiepileptic medications, AND
- Therapy must be initiated by a Neurologist.

For the purpose of administering these criteria failure is defined as inability to achieve satisfactory seizure control.

Special authorization may be granted for six months.

Coverage cannot be provided for brivaracetam, eslicarbazepine, lacosamide or perampanel when these medications are intended for use in combination."

Each of these products is eligible for auto-renewal.

**50 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002489287	ACH-LACOSAMIDE	AHI	\$	0.6313
00002475332	AURO-LACOSAMIDE	AUR	\$	0.6313
00002488388	JAMP-LACOSAMIDE	JPC	\$	0.6313
00002487802	MAR-LACOSAMIDE	MAR	\$	0.6313
00002490544	MINT-LACOSAMIDE	MPI	\$	0.6313
00002499568	NRA-LACOSAMIDE	NRA	\$	0.6313
00002478196	PHARMA-LACOSAMIDE	PMS	\$	0.6313
00002474670	SANDOZ LACOSAMIDE	SDZ	\$	0.6313
00002472902	TEVA-LACOSAMIDE	TEV	\$	0.6313
00002357615	VIMPAT	UCB	\$	2.4093

**100 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002489295	ACH-LACOSAMIDE	AHI	\$	0.8750
00002475340	AURO-LACOSAMIDE	AUR	\$	0.8750
00002488396	JAMP-LACOSAMIDE	JPC	\$	0.8750
00002487810	MAR-LACOSAMIDE	MAR	\$	0.8750
00002490552	MINT-LACOSAMIDE	MPI	\$	0.8750
00002499576	NRA-LACOSAMIDE	NRA	\$	0.8750
00002478218	PHARMA-LACOSAMIDE	PMS	\$	0.8750
00002474689	SANDOZ LACOSAMIDE	SDZ	\$	0.8750
00002472910	TEVA-LACOSAMIDE	TEV	\$	0.8750
00002357623	VIMPAT	UCB	\$	3.4477

**150 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002489309	ACH-LACOSAMIDE	AHI	\$	1.1763
00002475359	AURO-LACOSAMIDE	AUR	\$	1.1763
00002488418	JAMP-LACOSAMIDE	JPC	\$	1.1763
00002487829	MAR-LACOSAMIDE	MAR	\$	1.1763
00002490560	MINT-LACOSAMIDE	MPI	\$	1.1763
00002499584	NRA-LACOSAMIDE	NRA	\$	1.1763
00002478226	PHARMA-LACOSAMIDE	PMS	\$	1.1763
00002474697	SANDOZ LACOSAMIDE	SDZ	\$	1.1763
00002472929	TEVA-LACOSAMIDE	TEV	\$	1.1763
00002357631	VIMPAT	UCB	\$	4.4862

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
 CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

**LACOSAMIDE**

200 MG ORAL TABLET

00002489317	ACH-LACOSAMIDE	AHI	\$	1.4500
00002475367	AURO-LACOSAMIDE	AUR	\$	1.4500
00002488426	JAMP-LACOSAMIDE	JPC	\$	1.4500
00002487837	MAR-LACOSAMIDE	MAR	\$	1.4500
00002490579	MINT-LACOSAMIDE	MPI	\$	1.4500
00002499592	NRA-LACOSAMIDE	NRA	\$	1.4500
00002478234	PHARMA-LACOSAMIDE	PMS	\$	1.4500
00002474700	SANDOZ LACOSAMIDE	SDZ	\$	1.4500
00002472937	TEVA-LACOSAMIDE	TEV	\$	1.4500
00002357658	VIMPAT	UCB	\$	5.5247

**PEGFILGRASTIM**

"In patients with non-myeloid malignancies, receiving myelosuppressive anti-neoplastic drugs with curative intent, to decrease the incidence of infection, as manifested by febrile neutropenia."

All requests for pegfilgrastim must be completed using the Filgrastim/Pegfilgrastim/Plerixafor Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60013).

Please note: Coverage cannot be considered for palliative patients.

6 MG / SYR INJECTION SYRINGE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002484153	FULPHILA (0.6 ML SYRINGE)	BGP	\$	1375.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002474565	LAPELGA (0.6 ML SYRINGE)	APX	\$	1375.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002506238	NYVEPRIA (0.6 ML SYRINGE)	PFI	\$	1375.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002497395	ZIEXTENZO (0.6 ML SYRINGE)	SDZ	\$	1375.0000

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

**PIRFENIDONE**

"Initial approval criteria:

Adult patients with a diagnosis of mild to moderate idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF):

- Diagnosis confirmed by a respirologist and a high-resolution CT scan within the previous 24 months.
- All other causes of restrictive lung disease (e.g. collagen vascular disorder or hypersensitivity pneumonitis) should be excluded.
- Mild to moderate IPF is defined as forced vital capacity (FVC) greater than or equal to 50% of predicted.
- Patient is under the care of a physician with experience in IPF.

Initial approval period: 7 months (allow 4 weeks for repeat pulmonary function tests)

Initial renewal criteria (at 6 months):

Patients must NOT demonstrate progression of disease defined as an absolute decline in percent predicted FVC of greater than or equal to 10% from initiation of therapy until renewal (initial 6 month treatment period). If a patient has experienced progression as defined above, then the results should be validated with a confirmatory pulmonary function test conducted 4 weeks later.

Approval period: 6 months

Second and subsequent renewals (at 12 months and thereafter):

Patients must NOT demonstrate progression of disease defined as an absolute decline in percent predicted FVC of greater than or equal to 10% within any 12 month period. If a patient has experienced progression as defined above, then the results should be validated with a confirmatory pulmonary function test conducted 4 weeks later.

Approval period: 12 months

Exclusion Criteria:

Combination use of pirfenidone and nintedanib will not be funded.

Notes:

Patients who have experienced intolerance or failure to pirfenidone or nintedanib will be considered for the alternate agent provided that the patient continues to meet the above coverage criteria."

All requests for pirfenidone must be completed using the Nintedanib/Pirfenidone Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60051).

**267 MG ORAL TABLET**

<b>00002488507</b>	<b>SANDOZ PIRFENIDONE</b>	<b>SDZ</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6.7120</b>
00002464489	ESBRIET	HLR	\$	13.4240

**801 MG ORAL TABLET**

<b>00002488515</b>	<b>SANDOZ PIRFENIDONE</b>	<b>SDZ</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20.1360</b>
00002464500	ESBRIET	HLR	\$	40.2720

**267 MG ORAL CAPSULE**

<b>00002509938</b>	<b>JAMP PIRFENIDONE</b>	<b>JPC</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6.7120</b>
00002393751	ESBRIET	HLR	\$	13.6251

---

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

## **SEBELIPASE ALFA**

### **1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SEBELIPASE ALFA COVERAGE**

In order to maintain the integrity of the ADBL, and having regard to the financial and social implications of covering sebelipase alfa for the treatment of lysosomal acid lipase (LAL) deficiency, the following special authorization criteria must be satisfied.

In order to be eligible for sebelipase alfa coverage for the treatment of LAL deficiency, a patient must have submitted a completed Application and have satisfied all of the following requirements:

The patient must:

- 1) Be diagnosed with LAL deficiency in accordance with the requirements specified in the Clinical Criteria for sebelipase alfa;
- 2) Have Alberta government-sponsored drug coverage;
- 3) Meet the Registration Requirements; AND
- 4) Satisfy the Clinical Criteria for sebelipase alfa (initial or continued coverage, as appropriate).

There is no guarantee that any application, whether for initial or continued coverage, will be approved. Depending on the circumstances of each case, the Minister or the Minister's delegate may:

- approve an Application;
- approve an Application with conditions;
- deny an Application;
- discontinue an approved Application; OR
- defer an Application pending the provision of further supporting information.

The process for review and approval is explained in further detail below.

### **2. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

If the patient is a citizen or permanent resident of Canada, the patient must be continuously registered in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for a minimum of one (1) year prior to an application for coverage unless:

- the patient is less than one (1) year of age at the date of the application, then the patient's parent/guardian/legal representative must be registered continuously in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for a minimum of one (1) year; OR
- the patient has moved to Alberta from another province or territory in Canada (the "province of origin"), and immediately prior to moving to Alberta, was covered for sebelipase alfa in the province of origin by a provincial or territorial government sponsored drug plan, (or the province of origin provided equivalent coverage for sebelipase alfa as does Alberta) and the patient has been registered in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (the patient must provide supporting documentation from the province of origin to prove prior coverage).

If the patient is not a citizen or permanent resident of Canada, the patient must be continuously registered in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for a minimum of five (5) years prior to an application for coverage unless:

- the patient is less than five years of age at the date of the application, then the patient's parent/guardian/legal representative must be registered continuously in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for a minimum of five years; OR
- the patient has moved to Alberta from another province or territory in Canada (the "province of origin"), and immediately prior to moving to Alberta, was covered for sebelipase alfa in the province of origin by a provincial or territorial government sponsored drug plan, (or the province of origin provided equivalent coverage for sebelipase alfa as does Alberta) and the patient has been registered in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (the patient must provide supporting documentation from the province of origin to prove prior coverage).

The Minister reserves the right to modify or waive the Registration Requirements applicable to a given patient if the patient or the patient's parent/guardian/legal representative can establish to the satisfaction of the Minister that the patient has not moved to Alberta for the sole/primary purpose of obtaining coverage of sebelipase alfa.

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

**SEBELIPASE ALFA**

**3. CLINICAL CRITERIA**

"For the treatment of lysosomal acid lipase (LAL) deficiency in patients who have:

- documented biochemical evidence of deficient LAL activity (a copy of the lab report must be provided),
- two documented pathogenic mutations in the LIPA gene (a copy of the lab report must be provided),
- onset of clinical manifestations of LAL deficiency before six months of age.

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a specialist with experience in the diagnosis and management of LAL deficiency.

Coverage may be approved for up to 3 mg/kg once weekly as an intravenous infusion. Patients will be limited to receiving a 4-week supply of sebelipase alfa per prescription at their pharmacy.

Special authorization may be granted 12 months.

Renewal of coverage for sebelipase alfa may be continued for patients who do not experience any of the following adverse events from sebelipase alfa: hypersensitivity reactions (including anaphylaxis, hypotension, or fever), which cannot be managed with standard treatment, and/or have a significant impact on the patient's quality of life, or are life-threatening."

All requests (including renewal requests) for sebelipase alfa must be completed using the Sebelipase Alfa Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60089).

**4. PROCESS FOR SEBELIPASE ALFA COVERAGE**

For both initial and continued coverage the following documents (the Application) must be completed and submitted:

- A Sebelipase Alfa Special Authorization Request Form completed by the patient's Specialist;  
AND
- Any other documentation that may be required by the Minister or the Minister's delegate.

The Application is forwarded to the Minister or the Minister's delegate to confirm that the patient meets the Registration Requirement or grant a waiver of the Registration Requirement, and thereafter render a decision regarding coverage.

After the Minister or Minister's delegate has rendered a decision, the patient's Specialist and the patient or patient's parent/guardian/legal representative will be notified by letter of the Minister's decision.

**5. APPROVAL OF COVERAGE**

The Minister or the Minister's delegate's decision in respect of an Application will specify the effective date of sebelipase alfa, if coverage is approved.

Initial or continued coverage may be approved for a period of up to twelve (12) months for up to 3 mg/kg once weekly as an intravenous infusion.

If a patient is approved for coverage, prescriptions for sebelipase alfa must be written by a specialist with experience in the diagnosis and management of LAL deficiency. To avoid wastage, prescription quantities are limited to a four-week supply. Extended quantity and vacation supplies are not permitted. The Government is not responsible and will not pay for costs associated with wastage or improper storage of sebelipase alfa.

Approval of coverage is granted for a specific period, to a maximum of twelve (12) months. If continued treatment is necessary, it is the responsibility of the patient or patient's parent/guardian/legal representative and the Specialist to submit a new Application to re-apply

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

**SEBELIPASE ALFA**

for sebelipase alfa coverage, and receive a decision thereon, prior to the expiry date of the authorization period.

6. WITHDRAWAL

Therapy may be withdrawn at the request of the patient or the patient's parent/guardian/legal representative at any time. Notification of withdrawal from therapy must be made by the Specialist or patient in writing.

Applications, withdrawal requests, and any other information to be provided must be sent to Clinical Drug Services, Alberta Blue Cross.

**20 MG / VIAL INJECTION**

00002469596 KANUMA APG \$ 8546.0000

---



## SECUKINUMAB

### Plaque Psoriasis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the reduction in signs and symptoms of severe, debilitating plaque psoriasis in patients who:

- Have a total PASI of 10 or more and a DLQI of more than 10, OR
- Who have significant involvement of the face, palms of the hands, soles of the feet or genital region; AND
- Who are refractory or intolerant to:
  - Methotrexate at 20 mg (PO, SC or IM) or greater total weekly dosage (15 mg or greater if patient is 65 years of age or older) for more than 12 weeks. Patients who experience gastrointestinal intolerance to PO methotrexate must have a trial of parenteral methotrexate before being accepted as refractory, OR
  - Cyclosporine (6 weeks treatment); AND
  - Phototherapy (unless restricted by geographic location)

Patients who have a contraindication to either cyclosporine or methotrexate will be required to complete an adequate trial of the other pre-requisite medication prior to potential coverage being considered.

'Refractory' is defined as lack of effect at the recommended doses and for duration of treatments specified above.

'Intolerant' is defined as demonstrating serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a Specialist in Dermatology ("Dermatology Specialist").

Initial coverage may be approved for 12 weeks as follows:

- Four weekly doses of 300 mg of secukinumab at weeks 0, 1, 2 and 3, followed by monthly dosing at weeks 4, 8 and 12.
- Patients will be limited to receiving two doses of secukinumab per prescription at their pharmacy during the initial 3 weeks, then one dose per prescription thereafter. Each 300 mg dose is provided as two subcutaneous injections of 150 mg.
- Patients will be permitted to switch from one biologic agent to another following an adequate trial of the first biologic agent if unresponsive to therapy, or due to serious adverse effects or contraindications. An adequate trial is defined as at a minimum the completion of the initial coverage period.
- Patients will not be permitted to switch back to a previously trialed biologic agent if they were deemed unresponsive to therapy.
- Patients are limited to receiving one biologic agent at a time regardless of the condition for which it is being prescribed.

For continued coverage beyond seven doses, the patient must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by a Dermatology Specialist after the initial seven doses to determine response.
- 2) The Dermatology Specialist must confirm, in writing, that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
  - Greater than or equal to 75% reduction in PASI score, OR
  - Greater than or equal to 50% reduction in PASI score AND improvement of greater than or equal to 5 points in the DLQI.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be considered for one 300 mg dose of secukinumab every month for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered if the patient is re-assessed by a Dermatology Specialist every 12 months and is confirmed to be continuing to respond to therapy by meeting criteria as outlined in (2) above."

PASI and DLQI scores are required for all requests for Plaque Psoriasis including those requests for patients that have significant involvement of the face, palms, soles of feet or genital region.

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

## **SECUKINUMAB**

All requests (including renewal requests) for secukinumab for Plaque Psoriasis must be completed using the Adalimumab/Etanercept/Infliximab/Ixekizumab/Risankizumab/Secukinumab/Ustekinumab for Plaque Psoriasis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60030).

### **Psoriatic Arthritis**

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for use in combination with methotrexate for reducing signs and symptoms and inhibiting the progression of structural damage of active arthritis in adult patients (18 years of age or older) with moderate to severe polyarticular psoriatic arthritis (PsA) or pauciarticular PsA with involvement of knee or hip joint who are refractory or intolerant to:

- Methotrexate at 20 mg (PO, SC or IM) or greater total weekly dosage (15 mg or greater if patient is 65 years of age or older) for more than 12 weeks. Patients who do not exhibit a clinical response to PO methotrexate or experience gastrointestinal intolerance to PO methotrexate must have a trial of parenteral methotrexate before being accepted as refractory; AND
- An adequate trial of another disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent(s) (minimum 4 month trial).

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'Refractory' is defined as lack of effect at the recommended doses and for duration of treatments specified above.

'Intolerant' is defined as demonstrating serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be initiated by a Specialist in Rheumatology ("RA Specialist").

Initial coverage may be approved for 16 weeks as follows:

- Four weekly doses of 150 mg of secukinumab at weeks 0, 1, 2 and 3, followed by monthly dosing at weeks 4, 8, 12 and 16. A dose of 300 mg (given as 2 subcutaneous injections of 150 mg each) may be considered for anti-TNF alpha inadequate responders.
- Patients will be limited to receiving two doses of secukinumab per prescription at their pharmacy during the initial 3 weeks, then one dose per prescription thereafter.
- Patients will be permitted to switch from one biologic agent to another following an adequate trial of the first biologic agent if unresponsive to therapy, or due to serious adverse effects or contraindications. An adequate trial is defined as at a minimum the completion of induction dosing (e.g. initial coverage period).
- Patients will not be permitted to switch back to a previously trialed biologic agent if they were deemed unresponsive to therapy.
- Patients are limited to receiving one biologic agent at a time regardless of the condition for which it is being prescribed.

For continued coverage beyond eight doses, the patient must meet the following criteria:

1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after the initial eight doses to determine response.

2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:

- ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND
- An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].

It should be noted that the initial score for the DAS28 or HAQ score on record will be rounded to the correct number of decimal places as indicated above.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be considered for one 150 mg (or 300 mg for anti-TNF alpha inadequate responders) dose of secukinumab every month for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

**SECUKINUMAB**

2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:

- Confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, or
- Maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.

3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.

It should be noted that the initial score for the DAS28 or HAQ score on record will be rounded to the correct number of decimal places as indicated above."

All requests (including renewal requests) for secukinumab for Psoriatic Arthritis must be completed using the Adalimumab/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Ixekizumab/Secukinumab for Psoriatic Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60029).

**Ankylosing Spondylitis**

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the reduction in the signs and symptoms of severely active Ankylosing Spondylitis, as defined by the Modified New York criteria for Ankylosing Spondylitis, in adult patients (18 years of age or older) who have active disease as demonstrated by:

- a BASDAI greater than or equal to 4 units, demonstrated on 2 occasions at least 8 weeks apart AND
- a Spinal Pain VAS of greater than or equal to 4 cm (on a 0-10 cm scale), demonstrated on 2 occasions at least 8 weeks apart AND
- who are refractory or intolerant to treatment with 2 or more NSAIDS each taken for a minimum of 4 weeks at maximum tolerated or recommended doses.

'Refractory' is defined as lack of effect at the recommended doses and for duration of treatments specified above.

'Intolerant' is defined as demonstrating serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be initiated by a Specialist in Rheumatology ("RA Specialist").

Initial coverage may be approved for 16 weeks as follows:

- Four weekly doses of 150 mg of secukinumab at weeks 0, 1, 2 and 3, followed by monthly dosing at weeks 4, 8, 12 and 16.
- Patients will be limited to receiving two doses of secukinumab per prescription at their pharmacy during the initial 3 weeks, then one dose per prescription thereafter.
- Patients will be permitted to switch from one biologic agent to another following an adequate trial of the first biologic agent if unresponsive to therapy, or due to serious adverse effects or contraindications. An adequate trial is defined as at a minimum the completion of induction dosing (e.g. initial coverage period).
- Patients will not be permitted to switch back to a previously trialed biologic agent if they were deemed unresponsive to therapy.
- Patients are limited to receiving one biologic agent at a time regardless of the condition for which it is being prescribed.

For continued coverage beyond eight doses, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after the initial eight doses to determine response.
- 2) The RA Specialist must confirm, in writing, that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
  - Reduction of the BASDAI score by at least 50% of the pre-treatment value or by 2 or more units, AND
  - Reduction of the Spinal Pain VAS by 2 cm or more.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be considered for one 150 mg dose of

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

**SECUKINUMAB**

secukinumab every month for a period of 12 months. [Note: For patients who continue to have active Ankylosing Spondylitis, a monthly maintenance dosage of 300 mg may be considered.] Ongoing coverage may be considered if the patient is re-assessed by an RA Specialist every 12 months and is confirmed to be continuing to respond to therapy by meeting criteria as outlined in (2) above."

All requests (including renewal requests) for secukinumab for Ankylosing Spondylitis must be completed using the Adalimumab/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Secukinumab for Ankylosing Spondylitis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60028).

**150 MG / ML INJECTION SYRINGE**

00002438070 COSENTYX

NOV

\$ 840.0000

---

## TOFACITINIB CITRATE

### Rheumatoid Arthritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for use in combination with methotrexate for the reduction in signs and symptoms of severely active Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) in adult patients (18 years of age or older) who are refractory or intolerant to:

- Methotrexate at 20 mg (PO, SC or IM) or greater total weekly dosage (15 mg or greater if patient is 65 years of age or older) for more than 12 weeks. Patients who do not exhibit a clinical response to PO methotrexate or experience gastrointestinal intolerance to PO methotrexate must have a trial of parenteral methotrexate before being accepted as refractory; AND
- Methotrexate with other disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent(s) (minimum 4 month trial) [e.g., methotrexate with hydroxychloroquine or methotrexate with sulfasalazine]; AND
- Leflunomide (minimum 10 week trial at 20 mg daily).

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'Refractory' is defined as lack of effect at the recommended doses and for duration of treatments specified above.

'Intolerant' is defined as demonstrating serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be initiated by a Specialist in Rheumatology ("RA Specialist").

- Initial coverage may be approved for three months as follows:
- Tofacitinib 5 mg tablet: one tablet twice daily.
- Tofacitinib 11 mg extended-release tablet: one tablet daily.
- Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of tofacitinib per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Patients will not be permitted to switch back to tofacitinib if they were deemed unresponsive to therapy.

For continued coverage beyond three months, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after the initial three months to determine response.
  - 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
    - ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND
    - An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].
- It should be noted that the initial score for the DAS28 or HAQ score on record will be rounded to the correct number of decimal places as indicated above.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for 5 mg twice daily or 11 mg once daily for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;
  - 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:
    - confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, or
    - maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.
  - 3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.
- It should be noted that the initial score for the DAS28 or HAQ score on record will be

**ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS**

**TOFACITINIB CITRATE**

rounded to the correct number of decimal places as indicated above.

Coverage cannot be provided for tofacitinib when intended for use in combination with a biologic agent or other Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the Abatacept/Adalimumab/Anakinra/Baricitinib/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Sarilumab/Tocilizumab/Tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60027).

**Ulcerative Colitis**

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for the reduction in signs and symptoms and induction and maintenance of clinical remission of Ulcerative Colitis in adult patients (18 years of age or older) with active disease (characterized by a partial Mayo score >4 prior to initiation of biologic therapy) and who are refractory or intolerant to:

- mesalamine: minimum of 4 grams/day for a minimum of 4 weeks; AND
- corticosteroids (failure to respond to prednisone 40 mg daily for 2 weeks, or; steroid dependent i.e. failure to taper off steroids without recurrence of disease or disease requiring a second dose of steroids within 12 months of previous dose).

'Refractory' is defined as lack of effect at the recommended doses and for duration of treatments specified above.

'Intolerant' is defined as demonstrating serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in product monographs.

Immunosuppressive therapy as follows may also be initiated if in the clinician's judgment a trial is warranted:

- i) Azathioprine: minimum of 2 mg/kg/day for a minimum of 2 months; OR
- ii) 6-mercaptopurine: minimum of 1 mg/kg/day for a minimum of 2 months

For coverage, this drug must be prescribed by a Specialist in Gastroenterology or a physician appropriately trained by the University of Alberta or the University of Calgary and recognized as a prescriber by Alberta Blue Cross ('Specialist').

Initial coverage may be approved for an initial dose of 10 mg twice daily for 8 weeks. As an interim measure, coverage will be provided for additional doses of 5 mg twice daily for 4 weeks, to allow time to determine whether the New Patient meets coverage criteria for Maintenance Dosing below.

- Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of tofacitinib per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Patients will not be permitted to switch back to tofacitinib if they were deemed unresponsive to therapy.

For continued coverage beyond the initial coverage period, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by a Specialist after 8 weeks but no longer than 12 weeks after treatment to determine response.
- 2) The Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
  - a decrease in the partial Mayo score of greater than or equal to 2 points

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for a dose of 5 mg twice daily for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by a Specialist in Gastroenterology to determine response;

ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

**TOFACITINIB CITRATE**

2) The Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:  
- a decrease in the partial Mayo score of greater than or equal to 2 points from the score prior to initiation of tofacitinib therapy.

Coverage cannot be provided for tofacitinib when intended for use in combination with a biologic agent."

Note: For patients who showed a response to induction therapy then experienced secondary loss of response while on maintenance dosing with 5 mg, the maintenance dose may be adjusted from 5 mg to 10 mg by making an additional special authorization request to Alberta Blue Cross for the increased dose.

All requests (including renewal requests) for tofacitinib for Ulcerative Colitis must be completed using the Adalimumab/Golimumab/Infliximab/Tofacitinib/Vedolizumab for Ulcerative Colitis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60008).

<b>5 MG (BASE)</b>	<b>ORAL TABLET</b>			
00002423898	XELJANZ	PFI	\$	23.9589

## TOFACITINIB CITRATE

### Rheumatoid Arthritis

"Special authorization coverage may be provided for use in combination with methotrexate for the reduction in signs and symptoms of severely active Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) in adult patients (18 years of age or older) who are refractory or intolerant to:

- Methotrexate at 20 mg (PO, SC or IM) or greater total weekly dosage (15 mg or greater if patient is 65 years of age or older) for more than 12 weeks. Patients who do not exhibit a clinical response to PO methotrexate or experience gastrointestinal intolerance to PO methotrexate must have a trial of parenteral methotrexate before being accepted as refractory; AND
- Methotrexate with other disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent(s) (minimum 4 month trial) [e.g., methotrexate with hydroxychloroquine or methotrexate with sulfasalazine]; AND
- Leflunomide (minimum 10 week trial at 20 mg daily).

Special authorization coverage of this agent may be provided for use as monotherapy in adult patients for whom methotrexate is contraindicated and/or for those patients who have experienced serious adverse effects.

'Refractory' is defined as lack of effect at the recommended doses and for duration of treatments specified above.

'Intolerant' is defined as demonstrating serious adverse effects or contraindications to treatments as defined in product monographs.

For coverage, this drug must be initiated by a Specialist in Rheumatology ("RA Specialist").

- Initial coverage may be approved for three months as follows:
- Tofacitinib 5 mg tablet: one tablet twice daily.
- Tofacitinib 11 mg extended-release tablet: one tablet daily.
- Patients will be limited to receiving a one-month supply of tofacitinib per prescription at their pharmacy.
- Patients will not be permitted to switch back to tofacitinib if they were deemed unresponsive to therapy.

For continued coverage beyond three months, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The patient must be assessed by an RA Specialist after the initial three months to determine response.
  - 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient is a 'responder' that meets the following criteria:
    - ACR20 OR an improvement of 1.2 units in the DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place]; AND
    - An improvement of 0.22 in HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places].
- It should be noted that the initial score for the DAS28 or HAQ score on record will be rounded to the correct number of decimal places as indicated above.

Following this assessment, continued coverage may be approved for 5 mg twice daily or 11 mg once daily for a period of 12 months. Ongoing coverage may be considered only if the following criteria are met at the end of each 12-month period:

- 1) The patient has been assessed by an RA Specialist to determine response;
  - 2) The RA Specialist must confirm in writing that the patient has maintained a response to therapy as indicated by:
    - confirmation of maintenance of ACR20, or
    - maintenance of a minimum improvement of 1.2 units in DAS28 score [reported to one (1) decimal place] from baseline.
  - 3) A current HAQ score [reported to two (2) decimal places] must be included with all renewal requests.
- It should be noted that the initial score for the DAS28 or HAQ score on record will be



ALBERTA DRUG BENEFIT LIST UPDATE  
CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION OF SELECT DRUG PRODUCTS

**TOFACITINIB CITRATE**

rounded to the correct number of decimal places as indicated above.

Coverage cannot be provided for tofacitinib when intended for use in combination with a biologic agent or other Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors."

All requests (including renewal requests) for tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis must be completed using the Abatacept/Adalimumab/Anakinra/Baricitinib/Certolizumab/Etanercept/Golimumab/Infliximab/Sarilumab/Tocilizumab/Tofacitinib for Rheumatoid Arthritis Special Authorization Request Form (ABC 60027).

<b>11 MG (BASE)</b>	<b>ORAL</b>	<b>EXTENDED-RELEASE TABLET</b>		
00002470608	XELJANZ XR		PFI	\$ 47.9178

---