

Focus Update



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Temporary EpiPen replacement

In response to the ongoing shortage of EpiPen 0.3 mg and EpiPen Jr. 0.15 mg in Canada, Sun Life is reimbursing Auvi-Q, until the EpiPen supplies are back to normal.

Auvi-Q delivers the same dose of epinephrine as EpiPen, however it has a retractable needle, an electronic voice instruction system, and is provided in a dual pack. The price of an Auvi-Q dual pack is \$365.50, which is approximately twice the price of EpiPen.

Auvi-Q 0.3 mg has been available in pharmacies since September 7, 2018. TELUS Health has added two pseudo DINs for Auvi-Q, in a similar manner as EpiPen.

These PINS are:

- 02480360 – Auvi-Q 0.15 mg
- 02480379 – Auvi-Q 0.3 mg

Next steps

At the time of this notice, there is no definite timeline when EpiPen will be available again at the previous levels. We expect that this will take several months to return to normal.

Sun Life will continue to evaluate the situation and will update you accordingly.

Questions?

Contact your Sun Life Financial group benefits representative.