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Dear Physician,

Due to the recent release of generic Cozaar (losartan), we are sending this letter to inform you of changes to Caterpillar's prescription drug benefit coverage of Angiotensin-II Receptor Antagonists (ARBs) and their combinations:

Angiotensin-II Receptor Antagonists (ARBs) or combinations with hydrochlorothiazide only (ARB / HCTZ combos)

- Atacand[®] or Atacand-HCT[®]
- Teveten[®] or Teveten-HCT[®]
- Avapro[®] or Avalide[®]
- Benicar[®] or Benicar-HCT[®]
- Micardis[®] or Micardis-HCT[®]
- Diovan[®] or Diovan-HCT[®]

Current step therapy requires prior use of an ACE inhibitor before any ARB would be considered for coverage.

Effective July 1, 2010, (for members currently taking one of the drugs listed above), step therapy and prior authorization will require prior use of an ACE inhibitor, followed by use of losartan, before a branded ARB will be considered for coverage. For new users, these changes will go into effect upon availability of losartan.

Calcium channel blocker / Angiotensin-II Receptor Antagonist (ARBs) combinations

- Azor[®], a combination of amlodipine and Benicar[®]
- Exforge[®], a combination of amlodipine and Diovan[®]
- Exforge HCT[®], a combination of Exforge[®] and hydrochlorothiazide

Effective July 1, 2010, these products will no longer be a covered benefit for all members. The individual components of these drugs will continue to be available through the prior authorization process.

Amlodipine and hydrochlorothiazide do not require a prior authorization. Prior authorization for the ARB component will require prior use of an ACE, followed by use of losartan, before a branded ARB will be considered for coverage.

Prior authorization forms are located on CatHealthBenefits.com > For Providers > Prescription Drugs > Prior Authorization List/Forms.

Caterpillar is committed to developing coverage policies based on current published evidence. We will continue to keep participants and their healthcare providers informed of more cost-effective ways to use medications. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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