

Don't Forget--- Choose Generics First Starting September 1, 2006!

When you choose a brand drug that has a direct generic equivalent, more often than not it is because of preference, not medical necessity. More than 95% of Caterpillar employees and their family members have already learned choosing generics can save a significant amount on their prescription drug costs.

Remember, beginning September 1, if you are one of the 5% who choose a brand when a direct generic equivalent is available, you will notice a difference in the amount you pay at the pharmacy. If there is a direct generic equivalent for your medication, and you choose the brand, you will be charged the full retail price for the prescription, unless your doctor specifically indicates the brand is required.

When you switch to a generic, you will notice a decrease in your co-pay amount, so if you switch from your brand medication to the direct generic equivalent you will owe less at the pharmacy when you pick up your prescription after September 1.