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Dear Doctor,

We are sending this letter to inform you of changes to Caterpillar's prescription drug benefit coverage of the following low-dose branded statin agents:

- **Lipitor<sup>®</sup> 10 mg & 20 mg**
- **Crestor<sup>®</sup> 5 mg**
- **Lescol<sup>®</sup> XL**
- **Lescol<sup>®</sup> (all strengths)**
- **Altoprev<sup>®</sup> (all strengths)**

According to *The Medical Letter* (April 21 2008) generic statins (simvastatin, pravastatin and lovastatin) have been shown to provide lower-cost therapeutic equivalence to these products. To reflect this, Caterpillar's prescription drug benefit plan will institute the following changes effective August 1, 2008:

- For all users of the low-dose branded statins listed above, future coverage of these products will require a prior authorization documenting a failed previous use, or a medical contraindication to, therapy with a generic statin.
- For members on a three-tier formulary design, Lipitor 10 mg and 20 mg will be moved from the Preferred / Tier 2 co-pay level (\$20) to the Non-Preferred / Tier 3 co-pay level (\$35), resulting in a higher co-pay for the member.

In addition, there will be prescription drug benefit plan changes for the combination agent **Vytorin<sup>®</sup> (all strengths)**, effective August 1, 2008:

- For members on a 3-tier formulary design, Vytorin will move from the Preferred / Tier 2 co-pay level (\$20) to Non-Preferred / Tier 3 co-pay level (\$35), resulting in a higher co-pay for the member. Prior use of simvastatin (available at the generic co-pay level of \$5) in combination with Zetia<sup>®</sup> (available at the Preferred co-pay level of \$20) will now be required of all users of Vytorin who are on a three-tier formulary.
- For members on the four-tier formulary design (which includes the \$0 Select Tier), Vytorin will no longer be covered. Members on the four-tier formulary who continue to use Vytorin after July 31, 2008 will be responsible for paying 100 percent of the retail cost of the medication. However, separate prescriptions for simvastatin and Zetia will continue to be covered. All strengths of generic simvastatin will remain available on the \$0 Select Tier at \$0 co-pay, and Zetia will continue to be offered on Tier 2 at \$20 co-pay.

These evidence-based plan changes support Caterpillar's ongoing efforts to encourage members to use the most cost-effective therapies that are appropriate for them. We recognize the additional work this creates for you and appreciate your cooperation in helping your patients get the greatest value from their prescription drugs. We welcome your questions and comments.

See the enclosed chart of potential therapeutic alternatives. If you conclude that receipt of a list of your patients who filled a prescription for one of these medications within the past six months is necessary for their care, you may request such a list by contacting us.

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