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## IMPORTANT NOTICE: A Change to Your Prescription Drug Coverage

Dear TRICARE Beneficiary:

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, a prescription drug you're taking will no longer be covered by TRICARE the same way it has in the past. You'll pay 100% of the cost of the drug if the prescription is filled at a retail pharmacy without a prior authorization, or you'll pay the non-preferred cost if you fill the drug at TRICARE Home Delivery. **This means you have an important decision to make to avoid paying more for your prescription.**

### Why the Change?

The TRICARE Pharmacy Benefit Program requires drug companies to provide discounted drug prices for prescriptions filled at retail pharmacies. If the company decides not to offer this discount, TRICARE cannot cover the drug the same way it has in the past.

### Your Options

Please see the enclosed information called "**Options for You and Your Doctor to Consider**" to see a list of drugs that are no longer preferred, preferred alternatives, and cost information. Discuss this information with your doctor to see which of the following options may be best for you:

- **Switch to a preferred alternative drug that will cost you less.**
- **Move your prescription to a Military Treatment Facility (if the drug is available).**
- **Move your prescription to TRICARE Home Delivery.**
- **Continue filling your current drug at retail. You'll pay 100% of the cost of the drug without a prior authorization (PA).**

We're committed to providing you the highest level of service. If you have any questions about your pharmacy benefit or you need help, please visit [express-scripts.com/TRICARE](http://express-scripts.com/TRICARE) or call **877.363.1303**.

Sincerely,

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## Options for You and Your Doctor to Consider

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the cost you will pay for your drug will change.

**Switch to a preferred drug.**

Choose a Preferred Drug Listed Below:	Military Treatment Facility	Home Delivery	Retail Pharmacy
	<b>Your cost for a preferred drug</b> (up to a 90 day supply)		
<b>Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder-Wakefulness Promoting Agents</b>			
<b>Generic Preferred Drugs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armodafinil (tablet) by Lupin Pharmaceuticals or Mylan Pharmaceuticals or Sandoz or Teva Pharmaceuticals</li> <li>• Modafanil (tablet)</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>\$33</b>
<b>Oncological Agent</b>			
<b>Generic Preferred Drugs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mercaptopurine (tablet) by Mylan Pharmaceuticals or West-Ward Pharmaceuticals</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>\$33</b>
<b>Renin-Angiotensin Antihypertensives [*- PA required]</b>			
<b>Generic Preferred Drugs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candesartan (Tablet)</li> <li>• Candesartan-Hydrochlorothiazide (Tablet)</li> <li>• Irbesartan (Tablet)</li> <li>• Irbesartan-Hydrochlorothiazide (Tablet)</li> <li>• Losartan (Tablet)</li> <li>• Losartan-Hydrochlorothiazide (Tablet)</li> <li>• Olmesartan (Tablet)</li> <li>• Olmesartan-Hydrochlorothiazide (Tablet)</li> <li>• Telmisartan (Tablet)</li> <li>• Telmisartan-Hydrochlorothiazide (Tablet)</li> <li>• Valsartan (Tablet)</li> <li>• Valsartan-Hydrochlorothiazide (Tablet)</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>\$33</b>
<b>Brand Drugs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edarbi (Tablet)*</li> <li>• Edarbyclor (Tablet)*</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$24</b>	<b>\$84</b>

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**Continue taking your current non-preferred drug.**

Non-Preferred Drugs	Military Treatment Facility <sup>1</sup>	Home Delivery <sup>2</sup>	Retail Pharmacy <sup>3</sup>
	Your cost for a non-preferred drug (up to a 90 day supply)		
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder-Wakefulness Promoting Agents			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armodafinil 200mg (Tablet) by Aurobindo Pharma</li> </ul>	\$0	\$53	100% of the cost of the drug without a PA
Oncological Agent			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mercaptopurine 50mg (Tablet) by Quinn Pharmaceuticals</li> </ul>	\$0	\$53	100% of the cost of drug without a PA
Renin-Angiotensin Antihypertensives [*- PA required]			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aliskiren (Tekturna) 150mg, 300mg (Tablet) by Noden Pharmacy*</li> <li>• Aliskiren-hydrochlorothiazide (Tekturna HCT) 150-12.5mg, 150-25mg, 300-25mg (Tablet) by Noden Pharmacy*</li> </ul>	\$0	\$53	100% of the cost of drug without a PA

<sup>1</sup>The product may not be available at Military Treatment Facilities. You may call your military pharmacy ([www.tricare.mil/FindDoctor/mtf](http://www.tricare.mil/FindDoctor/mtf)) to verify if they carry the product.

<sup>2</sup> You do not need a prior authorization. You can fill the prescription at Home Delivery at the current non-preferred cost share.

<sup>3</sup> A prior authorization is needed to avoid paying 100% of the drug cost. If prior authorization is approved, you will pay the applicable non-preferred cost share.

Note: Some non-preferred drugs are subject to a limit of two (2) fills at a Retail Network Pharmacy. After that, you need to switch the prescription to Home Delivery or a Military Treatment Facility. If you continue to fill your prescription at retail, you will pay the full cost.

**Prior Authorization (PA) Request**

PA is a routine review process to ensure that the requested drug is safe, cost effective, and medically required. Without an approved PA, you will pay the full cost of the drug. Discuss these options with your doctor to see which one is best for you.

For drugs that require a PA, ask your doctor to submit the request(s) electronically through a simple process called Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA). The doctor's office can learn more about ePA at [covermymeds.com/epa/express-scripts](http://covermymeds.com/epa/express-scripts) or call the Express Scripts doctor line at 866.684.4488 for assistance.

For more information on TRICARE-covered drugs and any other restrictions, visit [www.express-scripts.com/tricareformulary](http://www.express-scripts.com/tricareformulary).

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