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A Change to your Prescription Drug Coverage

Dear TRICARE Beneficiary:

I am writing today to help you avoid rising prescription costs. I want to keep you informed about your health benefit so you can make the best health care choices. This letter tells you about some changes to your TRICARE drug coverage that may affect you.

Our team at the Defense Health Agency reviews our list of TRICARE covered prescription drugs on a regular basis to make sure it is current, and only includes drugs that TRICARE can legally cover. One of the drugs you are currently taking cannot be covered by TRICARE any longer the same way it has been in the past, because there are other drugs that are just as effective for your medical issue that cost less. That means if you continue to use the same drug, you and your doctor will soon have to make a choice.

Your choices are to:

1. Ask your doctor about switching to a drug that will cost you less;
2. Talk to your doctor about requesting a Prior Authorization by submitting information to show you have a medical need for that specific drug by name, because for your specific case, the lower cost drug will not meet your medical needs;
3. Move your prescription(s) to a military pharmacy;
4. Switch from the retail pharmacy to TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery; or
5. Take no action and pay a much higher cost for the drug out of your hard earned money.

I have enclosed a table "Options for You and Your Doctor to Consider." The table shows options and cost information. Please take this letter and table to your doctor to discuss your options and to work as a team to make the best choice for you.

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There are more details in the “Frequently Asked Questions” section of the TRICARE Pharmacy Web site managed by, Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI), at www.Express-Scripts.com/TRICARE. If you have questions, you can also call ESI at 1 (877) 363-1303.

I am proud to serve you and want to make sure that your costs remain as low as possible while your high quality health care continues for you and future generations of our military and their families.



R.C. BONO
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Attachment:

1. Formulary Options for Your Doctor to Consider

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Options for You and Your Doctor to Consider

Starting on September 28, 2016, you have two options. Take this information to your doctor to discuss which option is best for you.

Option 1: Talk with your doctor about switching to a preferred alternative drug.

Your Current Medication (Switch from this...)	Preferred Alternatives (To one of these...)	Your cost for up to a 90-day supply of the Preferred Alternative):	
		Retail Pharmacy	Home Delivery
Renin-Angiotensin Antihypertensives			
Entresto (Tablet)	<i>Generic:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benazepril (Tablet) • Enalapril (Tablet) • Lisinopril (Tablet) • Perindopril (Tablet) • Quinapril (Tablet) • Ramipril (Tablet) • Trandolapril (Tablet) • Losartan (Tablet) • Valsartan (Tablet) 	\$30.00	\$0.00

Option 2: Continue taking your current drug. To do so, your doctor must request Prior Authorization. Without Prior Authorization, you will pay the full cost of the drug.

How does your doctor request Prior Authorization? Have your doctor submit the request electronically or by calling the Express Scripts, Inc., doctor line at (866) 684-4488.

For more information, search for your drug on the Formulary Search Tool located online at www.express-scripts.com/TRICAREformulary.



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