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RE: Updates for Entresto® and Entresto Sprinkle®

Prescribers and pharmacists,

Entresto® (valsartan/sacubitril) tablets have been brand preferred for quite some time. **Effective today**, both the generic (valsartan/sacubitril) and the brand (Entresto®) will be available for dispensing to Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries.

Generic valsartan/sacubitril tablet will require DAW code of zero (0) to process the payment at the correct generic rate. Entresto® brand tablet will require a DAW code of nine (9) to ensure the claim is processed as a plan prefers brand (PPB) product and pays at the brand rate. **After 10/01/2025**, brand Entresto® tablet will no longer be considered the plan preferred brand product while the generic will become the preferred option.

Generic valsartan/sacubitril tablet will move to the preferred medications on the Arkansas Medicaid preferred drug list (PDL) in place of the Entresto® brand name. Entresto Sprinkle® (valsartan/sacubitril) will move to preferred status effective today but will continue to have an age limit of 6 years.

The requirement for a billed diagnosis of congestive heart failure (CHF) in the previous 2 years is being removed. Evidence of a CHF diagnosis in the beneficiary's medical record is subject to audit.

For any questions, contact the Prime Therapeutics Help Desk at 800-424-7895.

Sincerely,

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