

Market Applicability														
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Applicable	X	X	NA	NA	X	NA	X	X	X	X	X	NA	NA	NA

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Non-Preferred Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Agents Step Therapy

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization Quantity Limit	1 year

Medications	Comments
Atacand (candesartan cilexetil) - brand Avapro (irbesartan) - brand Benicar (olmesartan medoxomil) – brand and generic Cozaar (losartan potassium) - brand Diovan (valsartan) - brand Edarbi (azilsartan medoxomil) eprosartan Micardis (telmisartan) - brand and generic Prexxartan (valsartan) - brand	Non-Preferred
candesartan irbesartan losartan valsartan	Preferred

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for a non-preferred ARB agent may be approved if the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual has been receiving and is maintained on a stable dose of the requested non-preferred agent;

OR

- II. Individual has had a trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) and inadequate response or intolerance of two (2) preferred agents;

Preferred agents: candesartan, irbesartan, losartan, valsartan

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Non-preferred agents: Atacand, Avapro, olmesartan (Benicar), Cozaar, Diovan, Edarbi, eprosartan, telmisartan (Micardis), Prexxartan

OR

III. The preferred agents are not FDA-approved for the prescribed indication and the requested non-preferred agent is;

OR

IV. Individual is requesting Prexxartan and is unable to swallow oral tablets.

State Specific Mandates		
State name	Date effective	Mandate details (including specific bill if applicable)
N/A	N/A	N/A

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