

Market Applicability/Effective Date														
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Applicable	X	NA	NA	X	NA	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA	NA	X

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Non-Preferred Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB)/Thiazide Diuretic Combination Agents Step Therapy

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

Medications	Comments
Atacand HCT (candesartan cilexetil – hydrochlorothiazide) - brand Avalide (irbesartan - hydrochlorothiazide) - brand Benicar HCT (olmesartan medoxomil – hydrochlorothiazide) – brand and generic Diovan HCT (valsartan – hydrochlorothiazide) - brand Edarbyclor (azilsartan medoxomil and chlorthalidone) Hyzaar (losartan potassium – hydrochlorothiazide) - brand Micardis HCT (telmisartan – hydrochlorothiazide) – brand and generic	Non-Preferred
candesartan-hydrochlorothiazide irbesartan-hydrochlorothiazide losartan-hydrochlorothiazide valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide	Preferred

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for a non-preferred ARB/thiazide diuretic combination 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**

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

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

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