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Re: Purchasing Limitations for Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate extended release)

AstraZeneca LP ("AstraZeneca") markets TOPROL XL in 100 count bottles of 25mg, 50mg, 100mg and 200mg strengths ("TOPROL XL," NDC 00186-1088-05, 00186-1090-05, 00186-1092-05 and 00186-1094-05). Due to some unforeseen constraints in our supply chain, effective immediately AstraZeneca has been forced to temporarily limit purchases by all customers, including 340B Covered Entities.

TOPROL XL Purchasing Limitation Program

AstraZeneca has implemented a purchasing limitation program, effective immediately, under which:

- A maximum purchase limitation has been placed on wholesaler direct purchases of TOPROL XL which currently exceeds the average volume of purchases made during an historical time period; and
- Wholesalers have been instructed not to disadvantage 340B Covered Entities (or any other purchasers) in the application of any purchase limitation (that is, 340B Covered Entities are permitted to purchase TOPROL XL under the exact same terms and conditions as any other customer -- AstraZeneca will not establish minimum purchase requirements for TOPROL XL, nor will AstraZeneca create any other impediment to the operation of normal product distribution channels).

Unfortunately, AstraZeneca predicts that this purchasing limitation program will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Working with our wholesalers and other distributors, we believe we will be able to ensure fair and equitable supply of TOPROL XL amongst all customers.

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Thank you for understanding AstraZeneca's position regarding TOPROL XL and our attempts to ensure equitable access to the product. .