

DRUG RECALL NOTICE

On July 16, 2018, a voluntary recall of valsartan and valsartan/Hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ) tablets was issued. This is a generic medication used to treat high blood pressure and heart failure. An impurity, N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) was detected in some generic manufacturers products. NDMA is classified as a probable human carcinogen.

Not all products containing valsartan are being recalled, however there is concern a shortage situation may occur in the next few months.

The recalled products and the corresponding manufacturer is listed below:

Manufacturer	Recalled Drug
Solco Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valsartan tablets 40 mg, 80 mg, 160 mg, and 320 mg tablets• Valsartan/HCTZ 80 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/25 mg, 320 mg/12.5 mg, and 320 mg/25 mg tablets
Major	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valsartan 80 mg and 160 mg tablets
Teva	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valsartan 40 mg, 80 mg, 160 mg, and 320 mg tablets• Valsartan/HCTZ 80 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/25 mg, 320 mg/12.5 mg, and 320 mg/25 mg tablets

Big 3 PBM Positions:

- Express Scripts: Express Scripts is mailing letters or calling impacted patients directly.
- CVS/Caremark: CVS is mailing letters to impacted members and their physicians. If members contact the CVS pharmacy the CVS pharmacist will contact the prescriber on the members behalf to discuss alternatives.
- OptumRx: Optum is mailing letters to impacted members and their prescribers.

FDA recommendations for Patients:

- Patients should contact their healthcare professional if their medicine is included in this recall to discuss their treatment, which may include another valsartan product not affected by this recall or an alternative treatment option.
- Patients taking the recalled valsartan-containing products should continue taking their medicine until they have a replacement product.
- Patients should contact their physician or healthcare provider if they believe they have experienced any problem that may be related to using the recalled product.

For further information regarding this recall, contact the specific company listed below:

- **Major: 1-800-616-2471**
- **Teva: 1-888-838-2872**
- **Solco Healthcare: 1-866-931-9829**

