



Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration

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Dear Veteran:

The VA would like to let you know that the medication, **Carvedilol** that you are taking for heart failure, is not available from the manufacturer at this time. In order to make sure your treatment with this type of medication is continued, the VA is sending you a different medication, **Metoprolol succinate (also called Metoprolol XL)** which is also used for heart failure.

- ✓ Please do not start taking **Metoprolol succinate** until you have finished all of your **Carvedilol**.
- ✓ **Please check the label instructions for the correct amount of medication you are to take each day since the number of times per day, or the number of tablets that you should take, may be different.**
- ✓ These medications work in a similar way and are often used for treating heart failure, so you should not feel any different by taking the new medication. If you feel that your symptoms are worse, contact your Healthcare Provider.
- ✓ Call your VA pharmacy or Healthcare Provider if you have any questions or problems with this change in your medication.

Sincerely,