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SS#:

Warehouse Employees Union Local No. 730 Health & Welfare Trust Fund

EMPLOYER: Giant

LOCAL: 730

PLAN: Retiree – Rx only

STATUS: Retired, October 1, 2001

ISSUE: Prescription – Coverage of Brand Name Drug

#Rx12/129-4854

FUND RULE:

"If you purchase a brand name drug where an approved generic was available, you must pay the difference in cost between the generic and the brand name."

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SUMMARY: Appeal Received: October 25, 2012

The **participant** is appealing for coverage of Paxil, which is a brand name drug. A letter from Dr. Patricia Jett, MD (included with the appeal) states that the participant has been taking Paxil CR for several years. The generic drug was tried, but was not effective. Dr. Jett states that brand name Paxil is medically necessary for this participant.

After the appeal was received, it was sent to Care Allies for review. Care Allies advised the Fund office on December 3, 2012, that brand name Paxil is **medically necessary** for this participant. "Per the treatment provider, [the patient] has tried generic medication and it was not effective, and the patient has been on this medication for years with no clinical problems."

ACTION:

Approved

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Denied

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COMMENTS: