



June 11, 2008

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Dear HIRSP Policyholder:

As a part of our commitment to improve the health of you and your family, we would like to alert you that **ETHEX Corporation has issued a recall on a single lot of morphine sulfate 60 mg extended release tablets (Lot No. 91762).**

The lot was distributed by ETHEX Corporation under an "ETHEX" label between April 16th and April 27th of 2008. No other dosage strength, nor any other lot of the 60 mg strength is affected by this recall. The voluntary single-lot recall is due to a report that **a tablet with as much as double the appropriate thickness was identified** and the possibility therefore that there may be other similar oversized tablets that may have been commercially released in the affected lot. Such tablets may contain as much as twice the labeled level of active morphine ingredient. The product is a white oval tablet with "60" on one side, and "E" on the reverse.

No report of unexpected side effects or injury has been received. However, opioids such as morphine have life-threatening consequences if overdosed. Those consequences can include respiratory depression (difficulty or lack of breathing), and low blood pressure. Many patients for whom this product is prescribed are likely to be highly debilitated with reduced strength or energy as a result of illness. As such, they may be less likely to be able to determine that a tablet is overweight or oversized than an unimpaired individual.

If this recall affects you, it is important to contact your prescriber immediately to find a suitable alternative.

For more information about this recall, please contact ETHEX Customer Service at 1-800-321-1705, or fax to ETHEX Customer Service at 314-646-3751 or email to: customer-service@ethex.com with representatives available Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm CST.

You may also contact your healthcare provider or call the HIRSP Pharmacy Dedicated Unit toll-free at 1-866-270-3877.

Sincerely,

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