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Dear Dockets Management Branch:

I urge you to NOT consider making several kinds of drugs--from blood pressure treatments to birth control pills available without prescription for the first time.

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Blood pressure treatments, birth control pills and other chemical "contraceptives" never be made available OTC. These drugs are too dangerous and cause too many side effects for men and women. All patients should have a doctor's prescription. Plus, the cost will be borne by the consumer and not covered by co-pay through insurance companies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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