



SoonerCare Fax Blast

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SUBJECT: Pharmacy Co-Pay Changes and Updates

Pharmacy Co-Pay Changes

Pharmacy co-pays changes for adult SoonerCare members take effect April 1, 2010.

- \$0 – No member co-pay for select cost effective products on the OHCA Preferred Medications List
- \$2 – Prescriptions \$29.99 or less
- \$3 – Prescriptions \$30.00 or greater

To view the OHCA Preferred Medications List, please see www.okhca.org/providers/rx.

Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Change

Effective April 1, 2010, the maximum pharmacy dispensing fee will change from \$4.15 per prescription to \$4.02 per prescription.

Anxiolytic Benzodiazepines Prior Authorization Changes

The following changes take effect April 1, 2010.

- Anxiolytic benzodiazepines are available without prior authorization for members age 19 or older.
- Quantity limits apply for all products.
- If a member's dose exceeds the allowable quantity, please contact the pharmacy helpdesk to initiate a quantity limit override request.
- Anxiolytic medications will still require prior authorization for members age 18 or younger.

Emergency Supply Authorizations Available

Pharmacies can obtain authorization for coverage of an emergency 3-day supply of medication by calling the Pharmacy Help Desk. This ensures that SoonerCare members are not left without medication while waiting for a prior authorization. Emergency 3-day fills do not count against the member's monthly prescription limit.

Injectables

The following change takes effect April 1, 2010.

- To help equalize payments between pharmacy and medical claims, reimbursement for certain injectable medications will be equivalent to Medicare Part B rates.
- A dispensing fee still applies for each prescription.