



SoonerCare Fax Blast

April 18, 2011

Subject: **Suboxone®**, **Subutex®** Prior Authorization

On May 1, 2011, OHCA will begin prior authorization of Suboxone® and Subutex® for SoonerCare members. The Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board is concerned with the growing number of non-certified prescribers and the use of concurrent opioid therapy for members who have been placed on these important addiction treatment medications.

The following authorization criteria will apply:

- 1) Products must be prescribed by a licensed physician who qualifies for a waiver under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) and has notified the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the intention to treat addiction patients and has been assigned a DEA (X) number.
- 2) Diagnosis of opiate abuse/dependence.
- 3) Combination with benzodiazepines, hypnotics, and opioids (including tramadol) will be denied.
- 4) Approval will be for 90 days to allow for concurrent medication monitoring.
- 5) The following limitations will apply:
 - a) Suboxone® 2mg/0.5mg and 8mg/2mg tablets and film: Quantity limit of 90 per 30 days.
 - b) Subutex® 2mg tablets and 8mg tablets will only be approved if the member is pregnant (product may be used for the duration of the pregnancy only), or has a documented serious allergy or adverse reaction to naloxone.

Coverage Discontinued for Prescriptions Written by Non-OHCA Providers

Providers who do not contract with OHCA are no longer being added as prescribers to the SoonerCare claims processing system. Providers who are already on file as non-contracted prescribers will need to obtain a contract with OHCA prior to June 30, 2011 in order to prescribe for SoonerCare members. Prescriptions written by providers who do not contract with OHCA by this date will no longer be covered.

Providers who need to obtain a contract can enroll online through the OHCA Secure Site. For details, please see <https://www.ohcaprovider.com/Enrollment/Site/Home/Home.aspx>, or contact the OHCA Provider Enrollment department at (800) 522-0114, option 5.

Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Numbers (405)522-6205 option 4 or (800)522-0114 option 4
Service Hours: Monday – Friday (8:30a – 7:00p); Saturday (9:00a – 5:00p); Sunday (11:00a – 5:00p)
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