



SoonerCare Fax Blast

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Subject: Updated Antihistamines Prior Authorization Tiers

- OTC antihistamines require a prescription for coverage.
- **OTC Allegra® is not covered. The prescription version of generic fexofenadine will be covered as a Tier 2 product while supplies last.**
- Tier 1 products are covered with no authorization necessary for members under age 21.
- For members 21 years and older, Tier 1 products are available with prior authorization.
- For all antihistamine authorizations, the diagnosis must be a chronic allergic condition or asthma.
- Tier 2 authorization requires a documented 14-day trial of all Tier 1 products within the last 30 days.
- Tier-3 authorization requires a 14 day trial with all Tier-2 products within the last 60 days (unless no age-appropriate Tier-2 product exists).

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
OTC cetirizine (Zyrtec®)	levocetirizine (Xyzal®)	desloratadine (Clarinet®)
OTC loratadine (Claritin®)		

Pradaxa® to Require Prior Authorization

Pradaxa® will require prior authorization beginning August 15, 2011. Authorization requires an FDA-approved indication for use. Special consideration will be given for a diagnosis of DVT when warfarin is not a viable option.