



SoonerCare Fax Blast

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Subject: **Nasal Allergy Medications and Ophthalmic Anti-Infective/Steroid Combinations Prior Authorizations**

Dear Provider:

Please note the following:

Nasal Allergy Medications Prior Authorization

Nasal allergy medications will be included in product-based prior authorization effective 4/28/08. Tier -1 products will be covered with no prior authorization necessary.

Tier-2 Authorization Requires

- Documented adverse effect or contraindication to the Tier-1 products, or
- Documented trials with all available Tier-1 corticosteroids with no beneficial response with the drug having been titrated to the recommended dose. Each trial must be at least 2 weeks in duration.

Tier-1	Tier-2
<i>Corticosteroids</i>	budesonide (Rhinocort® AQ)
beclomethasone (Beconase® AQ)	
ciclesonide (Omnaris™)	
Flunisolide (Nasalide Nasalide® / Nasarel™)	
fluticasone (Flonase®)	
fluticasone (Veramyst™)	
mometasone (Nasonex®)	
triamcinolone (Nasacort® AQ)	
<i>Other</i>	
azelastine (Astelin®)	
ipratropium bromide (Atrovent®)	

Ophthalmic Anti-Infective/Steroid Combinations Prior Authorization

Effective 4/28/08, these medications will require prior authorization

- tobramycin/dexamethasone (Tobradex®)
- tobramycin/loteprednol (Zylet®)
- sulfacetamide/prednisolone (Blephamide®)
- gentamicin/prednisolone (Pred-G®)
- neomycin/polymyxin-B/prednisolone (Poly-Pred®)
- neomycin/polymyxin-B/hydrocortisone (Cortisporin®)
- neomycin/polymyxin-B/dexamethasone (Maxitrol®)

Authorization Requires

- Used for pre-operative/post-operative prophylaxis
- Prescription written by optometrist / ophthalmologist

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