



SoonerCare Fax Blast

July 16, 2008

Subject: Pharmacy Prior Authorization Changes

Dear Provider:

Please note the following:

The following medications no longer require prior authorization or step therapy effective July 1:

- Enablex®
- Patanase®

The following medications will require prior authorization or step therapy effective July 25:

- Lunesta®
- Rozerem®

Some Narcotic Analgesics to Require Prior Authorization or Step Therapy

- PA requirements take effect on July 25.
- Tier-1 products are covered with no prior authorization or step therapy required.
- Tier-2 authorization requires:
 - a) documented 30 day trial/titration period with at least two Tier-1 medications within the last 90 days, or
 - b) clinically appropriate pain therapy requiring time-released medication
- Tier-3 authorization requires:
 - a) documented 30 day trial with at least two Tier-2 medications within the last 90 days, or
 - b) documented allergy or contraindication to all Tier-2 medications
- Members with an oncology-related diagnosis are exempt from the prior authorization process, although quantity and dosage limits still apply. Actiq® and Fentora® are approved only for oncology-related diagnoses.
- Only one long-acting and one short-acting agent can be used concurrently.

Narcotic Analgesics			
Tier-1	Tier-2	Tier-3	Oncology Only
All immediate release narcotics not listed in a higher tier	Long Acting		
	fentanyl patches (Duragesic®)	morphine sulfate (Avinza®)	
	morphine ER	morphine sulfate (Kadian®)	
		oxycodone (OxyContin®)	
		oxymorphone (Opana® ER)	
	Short Acting		
	hydrocodone (Xodol®)		fentanyl (Actiq®)
			fentanyl (Fentora®)