



Pharmacy Update

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Emergency Compounding of an Oral Suspension from Tamiflu® 75 mg Capsules

Commercially manufactured Tamiflu® for Oral Suspension (6mg/ml) is the preferred product for pediatric and adult patients who have difficulty swallowing capsules or where lower doses are needed. In the event that Tamiflu® for Oral Suspension is not available, the FDA has given approval for pharmacists to compound a suspension (6mg/ml) from Tamiflu® 75 mg Capsules using Ora-Sweet® Sugar-Free or Humco® Cherry Syrup or simple syrup.

SoonerCare pharmacy coverage includes Ora-Sweet-SF®, Humco® Cherry Syrup, and simple syrup. Other vehicles have not been studied. This compounded suspension should not be used for convenience or when the FDA-approved Tamiflu® for Oral Suspension is available.

Dosing charts and other information on emergency compounding of an oral suspension from Tamiflu® Capsules can be accessed in the Tamiflu® package insert at:

http://www.tamiflu.com/hcp/resources/hcp_resources_pharmacists.jsp

Smoking Cessation Coverage Changes

Effective March 1, 2013:

- Smoking cessation products do not count against the 6 prescriptions/month limit.
- Nicotine patches and Zyban® do not require prior authorization. Each product may be used for up to 180 days per calendar year.
- Other nicotine replacement products and Chantix® may be used for up to 90 days per year without prior authorization. An additional 90 days can be covered with prior authorization.

Criteria for Approval after the First 90 Days:

- Member must be enrolled in a smoking cessation behavior modification program and the name of the program must be stated on the petition.
- Petition may be approved for another 90 days.
- After the member has had 180 days of treatment in a 365 day period, the member must wait another 180 days before smoking cessation treatment will be covered again.

Atorvastatin Now Has \$0 Copay

Generic atorvastatin is now available with no prior authorization and no copay required for SoonerCare members. To view the complete list of cost effective medications available without patient copays, please see www.okhca.org/providers/rx, and select the “Zero Copay Drug List” link.

We appreciate the services you provide to Oklahomans insured by SoonerCare.