

# Oklahoma Medicaid Pharmacy Update

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OHCA Website [www.ohca.state.ok.us](http://www.ohca.state.ok.us)

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Dear: Pharmacy Provider,

There are several updates to the pharmacy program. Please review the following items and share with your pharmacy staff. The Pharmacy Help Desk will be closed Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

## **New Prior Authorizations effective June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

The following drugs will require **prior authorization** as recommended by the DUR Board:

- Paxil (for use in children under 18)
- Fluoxetine Tablets (all strengths) and 40 mg Caps
- Prozac Weekly
- Forteo

## **Anti-Ulcer Category Changes**

Effective May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 Omeprazole Rx (Prilosec) is now a tier 1 drug which does not require a PA. Effective June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 when the client's PA expires for a Proton Pump Inhibitor other than omeprazole Rx or OTC, the PA will not be renewed unless the client has had a trial of omeprazole. Generic versions of H2 blockers continue to be available without prior authorization.

## **Claritin NDC changes Effective May 11, 2004**

Any claim for Claritin using NDC #'s beginning with 00085 and 41100 will be rejected. Pharmacies should be using the OTC version of Claritin with NDC #'s beginning with 11523 or the generic equivalent products. In the near future, any claim for Claritin using any NDC # other than those items with NDC numbers starting with 11523 will also be rejected. Check your systems to make sure you are using the proper NDC #'s on your claims.

## **Copayment Policy Reminder for Pharmacy Providers**

"Section 1916(e) of the Act requires that a provider participating in the Medicaid program may not deny care or services to an eligible individual based on such individual's inability to pay the copayment. A person's assertion of their inability to pay the copayment establishes this inability. This rule does not change the fact that a recipient is liable for these charges and it does not preclude the provider from attempting to collect the copayment."

Please watch for more information about changes to Oklahoma Medicaid. You may also check the OHCA website at [www.ohca.state.ok.us](http://www.ohca.state.ok.us) for more information.

If you have not signed onto OHCA's secure provider website, you are encouraged to do so. The secure provider website is located at [www.OHCAprovider.Com](http://www.OHCAprovider.Com) For questions call OHCA helpdesk customer service at (405) 522-6205 or 1-800-522-0114.

Remember to use the Medicaid Prescriber ID number when filing pharmacy claims. You can get individual Prescriber ID's or request a copy of the Prescriber ID list from the Pharmacy Help Desk.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's Medicaid clients.