

# Oklahoma Medicaid Pharmacy Update

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Dear Pharmacy Provider,

**Billing Units** To avoid over or under payment on pharmacy claims please use the NCPDP Standard Billing Units. The guidelines are available in The RED BOOK as well as from the National Council for Prescription Programs (NCPDP).

**Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004** Lotrel and Tarka will be available without prior authorization due to supplemental drug rebate agreements with their manufacturers. **Lexxel will continue to require prior authorization.**

**Effective October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004** SSRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors) will be added to step therapy.

Please note the addition of Zoloft to Tier-1.

Clients who have been on a Tier 2 drug within 90 days of date of service will be “grandfathered.” This allows a client to continue on a Tier 2 drug without a trial on a Tier 1 drug.

Manufacturers of the drugs listed on Tier 2 did not sign a supplemental drug rebate agreement.

SSRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors)	
Tier 1	Tier 2
Fluvoxamine (Luvox)	Citalopram (Celexa)
Paroxetine (Paxil)	Escitalopram (Lexapro)
Paroxetine (Paxil CR)	Fluoxetine (Sarafem)
Paroxetine (Pexeva)	
Fluoxetine (Prozac)	
Sertraline (Zoloft)	

**Effective October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004** Prior authorization will be required for Fluoxetine 40 mg capsules and 20 mg tablets.

**Effective October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004** Age restrictions on Paroxetine (18 and under) go into effect. Age restrictions on Fluoxetine 10 mg tablets (13 and over) go into effect.

**Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004** a prior authorization will be required for brand name drugs that have a federal or state maximum allowable charge.

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