



## SoonerCare Fax Blast

March 30, 2010

### **SUBJECT: Pharmacy Co-Pay Changes and Updates**

#### **Pharmacy Co-Pay Changes**

Pharmacy co-pays changes for adult SoonerCare members take effect April 1, 2010.

- \$0 – No member co-pay for select cost effective products on the OHCA Preferred Medications List
- \$2 – Prescriptions \$29.99 or less
- \$3 – Prescriptions \$30.00 or greater

To view the OHCA Preferred Medications List, please see [www.okhca.org/providers/rx](http://www.okhca.org/providers/rx).

#### **Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Change**

Effective April 1, 2010, the maximum pharmacy dispensing fee will change from \$4.15 per prescription to \$4.02 per prescription.

#### **Anxiolytic Benzodiazepines Prior Authorization Changes**

The following changes take effect April 1, 2010.

- Anxiolytic benzodiazepines are available without prior authorization for members age 19 or older.
- Quantity limits apply for all products.
- If a member's dose exceeds the allowable quantity, please contact the pharmacy helpdesk to initiate a quantity limit override request.
- Anxiolytic medications will still require prior authorization for members age 18 or younger.

#### **Emergency Supply Authorizations Available**

Pharmacies can obtain authorization for coverage of an emergency 3-day supply of medication by calling the Pharmacy Help Desk. This ensures that SoonerCare members are not left without medication while waiting for a prior authorization. Emergency 3-day fills do not count against the member's monthly prescription limit.

#### **Injectables**

The following change takes effect April 1, 2010.

- To help equalize payments between pharmacy and medical claims, reimbursement for certain injectable medications will be equivalent to Medicare Part B rates.
- A dispensing fee still applies for each prescription.