



## SoonerCare Fax Blast

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### **Subject: Prior Authorization of Alzheimer's Medications**

Effective April 4, 2011:

- 1) Special formulations Alzheimer's medications will require prior authorization. (Special formulations include oral solutions, patches, extended release formulations, or other convenience formulations.) Prior authorization requires a documented reason why the special formulation is clinically necessary instead of the regular formulation.
- 2) All Alzheimer's products will require prior authorization for members age 0-50. Prior authorization requires an FDA-approved diagnosis.

Please submit requests for prior authorization on OHCA form Pharm-04. Forms are available for download at [www.okhca.org/rx-forms](http://www.okhca.org/rx-forms).

### **Coverage Discontinued for Prescriptions Written by Non-OHCA Providers**

Historically, SoonerCare members' prescriptions have been covered when written by any prescriber for whom valid NPI and licensure information could be verified. In order to comply with requirements in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, OHCA is in the process of implementing a change to this policy.

In the future, prescriptions will be compensable only if the prescriber has an active provider contract with OHCA. In addition to bringing OHCA policies into compliance with federal law, this change is expected to encourage members to seek services from medical home providers, enhance coordination of care, and discourage inappropriate drug seeking behaviors.

An individual OHCA provider contract will be required in order for a provider's prescriptions to be covered by SoonerCare, whether or not the individual provider directly bills OHCA for services provided to the member. Examples of providers who may currently prescribe for SoonerCare members without having an OHCA contract include emergency room physicians, residents, physicians' assistants, and nurse practitioners.

Effective immediately, providers who do not contract with OHCA will not be added as prescribers to the SoonerCare claims processing system. Providers who are already on file as non-contracted prescribers with OHCA will need to obtain a contract prior to June 30, 2011. Prescriptions from providers who choose not to contract with OHCA by this date will no longer be covered.

Providers who need to obtain a contract can enroll online through the OHCA Secure Site. For details, please see <https://www.ohcaprovider.com/Enrollment/Site/Home/Home.aspx>, or contact the OHCA Provider Enrollment department at (800) 522-0114, option 5.