

Dear SoonerCare Provider,

**Ofloxacin Otic Coverage Update:**

The purpose of this fax is to provide information regarding an update in coverage of otic antibiotics. Ofloxacin otic has increased in price by more than 400%. Due to the increasing cost of ofloxacin otic, SoonerCare is planning to move this product to Tier-2 of the otic anti-infectives category **effective July 9, 2015**.

Below are a few Tier-1 options to consider in place of ofloxacin otic:

1. **Ciprodex® (ciprofloxacin/dexamethasone) otic** is available as a Tier-1 option for those who need a fluoroquinolone otic antibiotic. Ciprodex® will not require prior authorization.
2. Other Tier-1 options available without prior authorization include: **acetic acid (Vosol®, Acetasol®) and neomycin/polymyxin B/HC (Cortisporin®, Pediotic®)**
3. **Ofloxacin ophthalmic** drops are also available without prior authorization if the prescriber chooses for the member to use the ophthalmic drops in the ear.

If these options are not able to meet the patient's specific needs or the member has tried and failed two Tier-1 medications a prescriber can choose to submit a prior authorization for consideration, along with patient-specific, clinically significant supporting information for use of the Tier-2 ofloxacin otic medication.

Thank you for the services you provide to Oklahomans insured by SoonerCare!