



Pharmacy Update

Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Numbers (405)522-6205 option 4 or (800)522-0114 option 4
Service Hours: Monday – Friday (8:30a – 7:00p); Saturday (9:00a – 5:00p); Sunday (11:00a – 5:00p)

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PA Criteria: www.okhca.org/providers/rx/pa PA forms: www.okhca.org/rx-forms

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Plavix[®], Effient[™] Prior Authorization

Effective immediately, Plavix[®] & Effient[™] will not require prior authorization for the first 90 days of therapy per year. (The 90-day PA exemption is based on the 365 days preceding the prescription fill date, not calendar year.) Longer-term therapy continues to require prior authorization. All prior authorizations are approved for duration of 1 year. After the end of 15 months of therapy, prescribers should provide supporting information for the continuation of these products.

Plavix[®] Approval Criteria:

- Recent Stroke
- Recent myocardial infarction
- Established peripheral artery disease
- Acute coronary syndrome (unstable angina/non-Q-wave MI)
- Percutaneous coronary intervention with stent placement
- Transient ischemic attacks (CVA, Stroke)

Effient[™] Approval Criteria:

- The approved diagnoses are UA/NSTEMI and STEMI patients who are to be managed with percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), primary or delayed.
- Effient[™] will not be approved for members with the following situations:
 - CABG surgery
 - Members with a history of TIA or stroke
- Members greater than 75 years of age will generally not be approved without supporting information.

Holiday Hours

The OHCA Pharmacy Help Desk & Prior Authorization Department Will Observe the following schedule for the upcoming holidays:

Thanksgiving

Thursday 11/26 – Closed

Friday 11/27 – Closed

Saturday 11/28 – Resume Normal Hours

Christmas/New Year

Thursday 12/24/09 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Friday 12/25/09 – Closed

Saturday 12/26/09 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 12/27/09 – 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday 12/28/09 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday 12/29/09 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 12/30/09 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday 12/31/09 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Friday 1/1/09 – Closed

Saturday 1/2/09 – Resume Normal Hours