

SoonerCare Pharmacy Update

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Effective 2/15/2007 - Glumetza[®] 500mg tablets, Fortamet[®] 500mg and 1000mg Tablets will require Prior Authorization.

The Drug Utilization Review Board recommends prior authorization of Fortamet[®] and Glumetza[®] with approval to be based on clinical documentation of inability to take other forms of generic metformin ER.

Effective 2/15/2007 – Exubera[®] Inhaled Insulin will require Prior Authorization

Criteria:

1. A quantity limit based on the manufacturer's packaging per 30 days.
2. Members must be 18 years of age or older.

Type II Diabetics:

1. Inability to maintain HbA1c levels at or below 7% after a minimum of six months on two oral agents,
and
2. Diagnosis of injection-phobia, provided no additional injectable medications (including other forms of insulin) are being utilized.

Or

3. Member currently using injectable insulin and experiencing severe persistent problems with injection sites, such as lipohypertrophy.

Type I Diabetics:

1. Currently using injectable insulin and experiencing severe persistent problems with injection sites, such as lipohypertrophy. (Exubera[®] is not approved as monotherapy in type I diabetics.)

For both types:

Patients must not be smokers or have discontinued smoking in the past 6 months, or have unstable or poorly controlled lung disease (asthma, COPD, etc). Pulmonary function must be assessed prior to initiating therapy.

Approval for 6 months with a follow up HbA1c. If HbA1c has not decreased by a minimum of 1% or if not at or below 7%, further renewal will not be granted without supporting information for continued use of the product.

All members who are approved for Exubera[®] will be enrolled in the Diabetes Disease Management Program, if not already participating.

Effective 5/23/2007 - All pharmacy claims submitted to SoonerCare must identify the prescriber by their National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. A default prescriber number will be made available for use in special circumstances. More information on this subject will be included in future Pharmacy Updates.

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